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Let the games begin

The Scottish are a hardy bunch. Participants in Saturday's Haliburton Highland Games

didn't let a little morning "mist" stop them from parading down Haliburton's main street to Head Lake Park, where various events delighted the crowd all day long. (The Haliburton pipe band, led by Brian Sachs, is on the left. Attendance picked up in the afternoon when the skies cleared. More photos and results on pages 24 and 25.

■ ATTEMPTED MURDER INVESTIGATION

Police charge cottaging couple

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A Cambridge couple returned from a boating trip on July 10 only to find the police waiting for them at the Head Lake docks.

The 23-year-old man was charged with attempted murder with a firearm, attempted murder to benefit a criminal organization, drug trafficking and possession of drugs for the purpose of

trafficking.

The 26-year-old woman was charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

They had been renting a cottage in the Haliburton area and were boating on the lake with children.

The charges stem from a shooting incident in the Cambridge area on March 9. A 42-year-old man received multiple

See **Attempted murder** page 26

■ BONNIE THOMPSON UPDATE

Living healthily 120 lbs later

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In the first 24 hours after her gastric bypass surgery, Bonnie Thompson felt she'd made a terrible mistake.

"I thought I was going to die," the local graphic artist says.

She was in pain and she was in an incredibly bad mood. But her temperament was so foul that her daughter

quickly realized that Thompson must have been given morphine to cope with the physical trauma of having her stomach's capacity surgically limited to about two tablespoons. Thompson reacts adversely to morphine and once the medication was changed, so too did her outlook.

Six months later, Thompson is feeling incredibly lighter – and not just because

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Public meeting on Stanhope airport

The public is invited to attend an information session on the Environmental Assessment for the proposed expansion of the Stanhope Airport.

Algonquin Highlands is proposing to expand the airport by adding a crosswind runway. The proposed project includes the development of the second runway and other improvements to existing airport infrastructure.

The office of Infrastructure Canada invites the public to participate in an information session concerning the federal environmental assessment that is being conducted for this project in accordance with Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. The date and location of the session are:

July 23 at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre North Shore Rd., 7 to 9 p.m.

Stanhope Heritage Day St. Stephen's Heritage Church OPEN: July 18 10am-2pm



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Is this anyway for a respectable mother of 7 and a Remax agent to act?



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Our mom, Marilyn Hawley, as Lilly St. Regis in the Highland Summer Festival production of "Annie".
Congratulations Mom. You Rock!

-Nicole, Wade, Lindsay, Hillary, Jillian, Victoria & Rory Hawley

See Inside
• Many events planned for this weekend
• Be bear wise: what to do if you encounter a black bear
• Canada Day photos
• Library gives free access to many databases

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July 16, 2009
Be bear wise
How to avoid encounters
If you are a hiker, cyclist, jogger, berry picker or water skier, you are at risk of encountering a black bear. It's important to know how to behave and what to do if you encounter one.
• Stay alert and stay away from bears. Bears often come out at dusk or dawn.
• Make noise as you move through wooded areas especially in areas where black bears are known to live such as near streams, logging, or skidding will alert bears to your presence giving them a chance to avoid you.
• Travel with others.
• The season of bear encounters is not over until late September and bear sightings are still common in some areas.
• Carry and use bear spray. Know how to use the device. Practice on a stationary object to get a feel for the canister spray and to know its location.
• Consider carrying a bear whistle. Particularly if you are in "bear country".
• Avoid strong fragrances that may cause a bear to be curious. They love you and they're trying to smell you out.
• If you are out with a dog, control it, and if possible, command it to stay away from a bear and the bear could follow the dog back to you.
• Have your smartphone especially while berry picking.

There's lots to discover
If you want to learn more about the natural environment of Haliburton County, you can get involved with the Haliburton County Nature Society. The society is a non-profit organization that promotes the natural environment of Haliburton County. There are many programs offered that will help you connect to nature.
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Free in your mailboxes on Thursday...

This week's Weekender:
• Many weekend events planned
• Be bear wise: what do you do if you meet a black bear?
• Library gives access to many free databases
• Cards scores
Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

MILESTONES

Master's book store turns 30

Religious and popular books mingle to make long-standing business

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When you walk into Master's Book Store and ask Kathy Stouffer if she has a certain book in stock, she pauses to go through the Rolodex of titles in her mind.

Invariably, she then walks to one of the shelves burdened from ceiling to floor with everything from bestsellers to reference guides to cook books to children's stories. She moves a couple of the stacked piles and then pulls out the book you're looking for. How she remembered it was there is a marvel.

"She says she can't always do it but she does it so frequently she's got everyone fooled," laughs Ruth Carter, who works at the Haliburton store and has watched Stouffer's memory produce amazing results.

This month, Master's Books celebrated its 30th anniversary and Stouffer has been one of the owners for much of that time. She's watched it grow and expand and has helped stock nearly every one of those shelves. (Carter takes care of the children's section although Stouffer has read most of the books.) It's little wonder she has such an intimate knowledge of what's hidden in this rabbit's warren of books.

"I've always loved books and was certainly drawn to the store."

Kathy Stouffer

Pat Hardy opened the store in 1979 in what is now the location of Leftovers, next to the antique store on County Road 21. Later it moved to the building where the Bishop and Rogers law office is today. The Haliburton Ministerial Association was renting the building and she put the bookstore, which was dedicated to religious books – hence the store's name – in one of the front rooms.

When Hardy's son became gravely ill in 1982, Stouffer was one of the friends who volunteered to help keep the store open. She had four young children of her own at the time but she shared a love of books. Then, that year, she formally purchased the store with Hardy's sister Bev Wooden and Velma Smith, the wife of the local Baptist minister. When Wooden and Smith moved away, Stouffer eventually bought their shares.

In 1985, Larry vanLieshout finished his renovations to the Village Barn and Master's Books moved into a small space behind what was then Nancy's Flowers. Eventually even the shelves couldn't hold all the books, and Stouffer kept moving into more and more space, including two locations on the bottom floor. Then, five years ago, when Larry's son Anthony bought the building and did major upgrades, Master's Books took up the space of what had been three stores.

There is still a focus on religious books but Master's is so much more than that. Up until a few months ago, religious book sales were in the majority; now that's changing and it's the sale of her other books – a wide selection of the classics and modern-day popular titles, a vast array of non-fiction books and a child's dream world of children's books – that are ascending. She also sells cards, CDs, DVDs, calendars and gifts.

"I've always loved books and was certainly drawn to



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

The owner of Master's Book Store, Kathy Stouffer, left, and staff member Ruth Carter have a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of where every of the hundreds of books resides in the packed book store in the Village Barn.

the store," Kathy says. She keeps her eyes open for new titles but also likes to make sure she stocks the ones that "have stood the test of time."

Technology has certainly had an impact in the bookstore business. Some of it has not been helpful to her; it's now very easy for people to order books online from Amazon or Chapters. But a custom-designed computer software program for book sellers means that when a customer requests a book that she doesn't have in stock, all she has to do is press a button and she can find out which warehouse she can order it from.

Carter says that when people come in to buy a book, they often share stories about the people they're buy-

ing it for. Maybe it's an inspirational book for a sister who's been diagnosed with cancer, or a children's book for a new grandchild. She loves that she works in an environment that can touch other people's lives.

When Master's turned 25, Stouffer was in the midst of the Village Barn renovations so she didn't celebrate the milestone very much. She made amends when the store turned 30, offering special sales and refreshments for her patrons as a way of saying thanks for their support over the past three decades. In some ways she can't believe that so much time has passed but in other ways it's the same old dilemma: So many books to read, so little time.

FUNDRAISING PARTNERS

Dine on dollar delicacies – support Community Care

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

A partnership has been formed between Community Care Haliburton County and Watercolours Lifestyle Condominiums, and to kick it off they're hosting a fundraiser called Dollar Delicacies.

For \$1 Franka Andriano and her staff from Franka's Café will be cooking up food from around the world. The event will take place on Saturday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the patio outside of the Watercolours presentation centre on Highland Street, below Moose FM.

How does this sound? Vietnamese-style cold rolls, French brie pecan tarts, Thai chicken satay with peanut sauce, Italian cranberry crostini, and red pepper goat cheese rounds. Dessert, however, is a surprise. Each portion will cost \$1.

"Franka's Café will be preparing all the food and donating dessert, Watercolours is sponsoring the entire event, and Community Care Haliburton County would be the beneficiary of any funds raised on the day," said Hilary Elia, Community Care's resource development co-ordinator.

Sharon Snitman, president of Symbol Communities, a businesses partner of Watercolours, would like to raise \$1,000 for Community Care.

Though the event is planned to run until 4 p.m. the organizers warn that when the food runs out, the event is over. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Community Care Haliburton County and Watercolours Lifestyle Condominiums have teamed up to raise money for Community Care Haliburton County. From left are Sharon Snitman, president of Symbol Communities, Franka Andriano of Franka's Café, Community Care executive director Donna McDonald, and Community Care resource development co-ordinator Hilary Elia. There will be a community fundraiser in front of Watercolours presentation centre July 25 called Dollar Delicacies.

The partnership

Community Care and Watercolours have been developing a partnership for the past three years. The excitement of Community Care executive director Donna McDonald and Hilary Elia matches that of Sharon Snitman.

Essentially Watercolours residents will have access to all of Community Care's services such as meals on wheels, transportation, home help, visiting, social recreation, emergency response, and diner's club.

"Watercolours is very appreciative that they have the partnership because we know that's going to keep seniors living at home and living his community," she says.

McDonald and Elia reciprocate the sentiments.

"We're really please to be working with Watercolours," said McDonald. "It's been a positive working relationship to ensure people do get services as they do in the whole county."

"It makes sense," added Elia. "And as charity we are always appreciative of any funds that we can raise in the community."

Elia says the timing of the fundraiser is great too. Because it's happening on a Saturday in July they'll be exposed not only to residents but cottagers and visitors who just might be considering retiring in Haliburton. "We hope there'll be more, the first of many," said Snitman of the fundraiser. "Watercolours is in the community, we're partnering with Community Care, and we want to contribute. We feel that we're part of this community."

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COMMUNITY CARE Volunteer of year is invaluable

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Community Care volunteer coordinator Brigitte Gebauer was proud to present this year's volunteer of the year award to Ian Comrie on July 6.

Gebauer says the Carnarvon resident helped out in a number of ways throughout the year but his commitment really stood out with one project in particular — the agency's van.

"In fact, had it not been for Ian it is quite possible the van would still be sitting in its storage unit," said Gebauer.

The staff didn't even have to ask him to help with the van. As soon as he found out they'd received it he offered his time. His experience with fleet vehicles was invaluable and Gebauer says he even came up with ideas and suggestions that they probably never would have come up with themselves.

Community Care's transportation coordinator, Judy Cumming, said Comrie took care of the van as if it were his own. Cummings said, "He made sure the van was well equipped with everything it needed to make it safe and accessible for our seniors and the drivers."

Comrie was also credited for playing an integral role in the overall success of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. Hilary Elia, Community Care's resource development co-ordinator, said Comrie's "commitment to selling raffle tickets, guarding 'Stanley' and sharing knowledge about Community Care speaks to the kindness of Ian and his ability to make those around him enthused about the cause."

For his commitment Comrie's received a scroll from MPP Rick Johnson and a soapstone loon carved by local artist Kim Warne.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Ian Comrie, left, received this year's Community Care volunteer of the year award for his work with the senior services organization. Donna McDonald, right, the executive director of Community Care Haliburton County, also received an award for her 25 years of service.

Comrie's acceptance speech was short, sweet, and sincere.

"It's been a pleasure working with everyone," he said.

The 130 volunteers at Community Care Haliburton County, who help more than 1,000 clients, are essential to the agency's operation. Putting in more than 21,000 hours of time they help provide multiple services such as meals on wheels, home help and maintenance, social recreation, visitations, and transportation.

25 years and counting

Also recognized on July 6 was Com-

munity Care executive director Donna McDonald for her 25 years (and counting) of service. She started with the volunteer agency when it was known as Haliburton County Home Support Services.

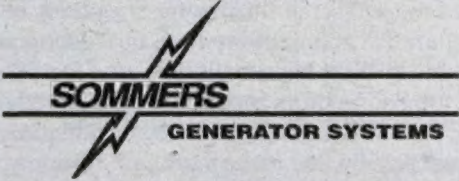
McDonald was presented with a plaque and a gift in the form of a beautiful silver leaf necklace. On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and the community, the newly elected president Ray Brassard outlined the agency's many

services and accomplishments and gave thanks to McDonald's hard work and dedication.

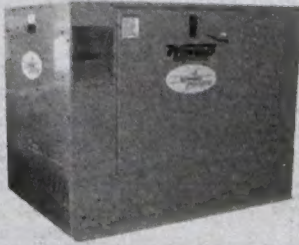
"Donna fought the day-to-day battles with the government," said Brassard of the executive director's sometimes difficult job.

"This is my home," said McDonald in her equally short and sincere acceptance speech. "And it is a pleasure to serve you."

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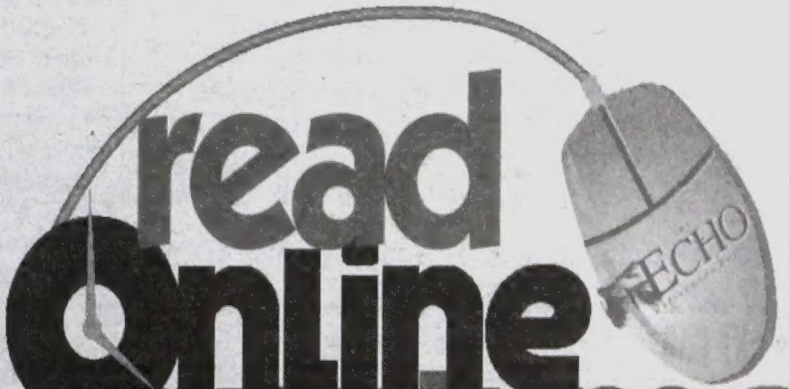
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When a story becomes personal

ANYONE WHO THINKS that reporters actually like running off to cover a hot news story about an accident has a) never been in an accident or b) never been a reporter. Accidents are not pleasant. Even if the people involved are relatively unscathed, they are emotional and upset. They're more likely to yell at a reporter for being there than be excited about knowing they're going to be in next week's paper. If there are injuries, the trauma is bumped up a few emotional levels. And if there is death, there is heartache for the family

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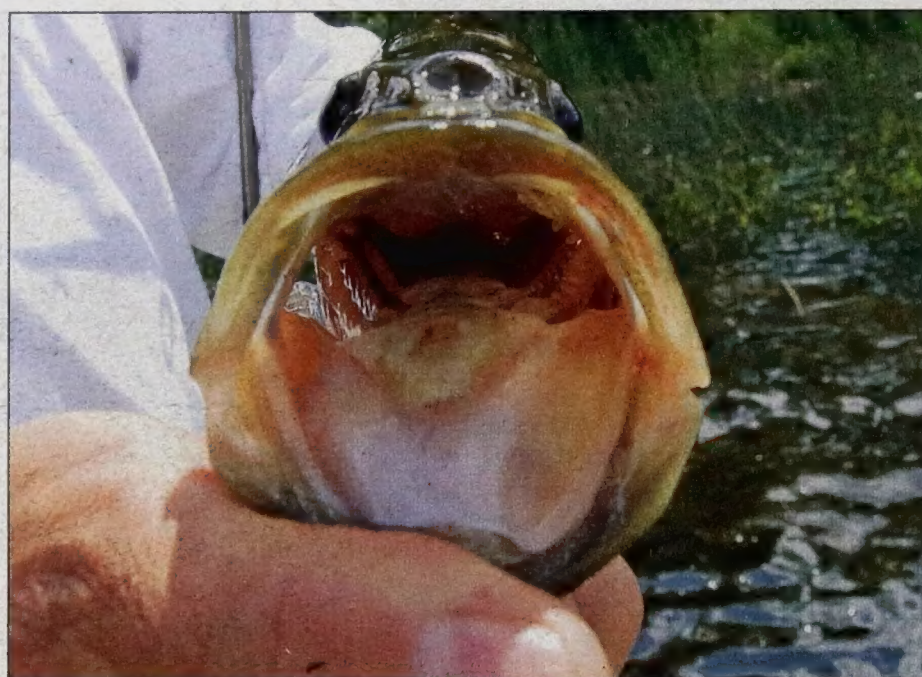
who the reporter knows is about to get the phone call that everyone dreads. A reporter learns to have a certain detachment from the story. Readers want to know what happened, and who it happened to, and it's a reporter's job to gather the information. Sometimes, when that information is hard to get – such as with last week's drowning accident at Furnace Falls – the story seems so cold, so cut and dried. There's a starkness to the story that belies how much suffering and loss has taken place. Often it's impossible to do justice to the magnitude of what just happened.

There was no detachment last Tuesday when *Echo* reporter Jenn Watt was driving home towards Gooderham and, coincidentally, reporter Matt James was behind her on his way to the family's cottage. It's a trip that is usually mundane in its familiarity. But on a sharp corner, on the wet road, Watt says it was like she hit black ice. Her car slid into the shoulder, hit something and flipped over on its roof. She travelled for metres down the road upside down. James was watching it all, horrified. After both cars stopped and he was running towards her, it was easy to think the worst. He definitely wasn't feeling lucky for having the chance to get good photos.

But Watt walked away from the accident. Her seatbelt kept her in place until she could crawl out of the car. One of her knuckles has a big gouge in it from her reflexive instinct to cover her head when the car flipped, and she's a bit sore, but otherwise she is unharmed.

The next day, everyone at the *Echo* was overwhelmed by the sense of how easily the story could have had a different ending. Watt could have broken her neck or hit a rock cut. A car could have been coming around the corner from the opposite direction and hit her. We didn't have to experience the sense of loss but it lurked like a dark force in the shadows of our consciousness. Knowing how close Jenn came to dying or serious injury, and how close we came to losing her, was deeply disquieting.

It may not make for scintillating reading but, here at the *Echo*, no bad news is good news indeed.



Nature's big mouth

Photo by
Matt James

Rock stars

The other day I was speaking to Donald Thom. You probably haven't heard of him. That's a shame since he won a silver medal for Canada at the World Fly Fishing Championships held in Scotland last year. As if that's not enough, he's the only individual North American ever to do so.

While no big deal here, this competition is held dear by the rest of the world. In fact, the French keep a full team on salary, the Italians actually built a training facility for their competitors, and the Czech fly-fishing federation has membership of around 300,000. Furthermore, in Europe, top competitors actually have groupies that follow them from competition to competition.

Yes, Thom's achievement was impressive. So too is the advice he provides, especially on fly fishing for rainbow trout in Canadian Shield lakes.

He and I were trading important tips the other day in what turned out to be a useful exchange for both of us. For instance, he told me that I should always pause my retrieve 20 feet from the boat since he gets a good amount of hookups at that point. In return, I advised him never to try ketchup on ice cream.

That's the kind of solid counsel two good fly anglers can pass along to each other.

When we broached the subject of casting, he told me that in international competition the angler who can cast the farthest has a definite advantage – in fact, top competitors routinely cast 90 feet or better. I then confessed that I've never been able to cast any fly line more than 60 feet due to an unfortunate combination of poor athletic ability, less than stellar technique,

and unusually dense patches of gravity.

He suggested that a better quality rod would help immensely and that I owed it to myself to get one. God bless him.

Now bear in mind that I have what most folks would consider quality gear. What he's talking about, however, is on a whole other level. It's the kind of fly rod that requires amortization and a credit check.

You'd think with this kind of advice, from such a reputable source, my wife would immediately co-sign. Sadly, that's not the case.

At first, I thought there was a glimmer of hope. When I initially raised the matter, she actually remained calm and listened in a quiet and thoughtful manner.

Unfortunately, the next time I brought up the subject, she was

awake.

That's when she countered with the same old short-sighted arguments such as the need for us to eat next year, pay our bills, send the kids to university, and have money socked away for old age.

"You're saying these things more important than me casting an additional twenty feet?" I asked.

You wouldn't believe the answer I got.

"And another thing," she said. "You catch plenty of fish with the rods you have. Why is casting an extra 20 feet so important?"

Despite the fact that I presented her with a perfectly plausible scenario involving an international naval blockade exactly 75 feet away from my favourite fishing spot, she still chose to be unreasonable.

I bet it'd be different if she were a groupie.

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Surprisingly lucky

ENOUGH ALREADY! Even though he was by himself, Ian said the words out loud. He was frustrated and fed up with the weather. It was raining again, for the umpteenth time that day, as it had rained the night before and the day before that. And more days and nights before those. While he did have almost the entire two summer months to be at his cottage, he had been looking forward to working outside, lying in his hammock, walking through the bush.

Instead he had felt trapped inside looking out at a cool damp world. It was almost enough to make him want to return to the city. Almost but not quite. So as he stood looking out over the lushness surrounding his deck, finishing his umpteenth coffee and groaning aloud, he decided to take action. Enough of this aimless idleness. Enough of this wishing it was different. Enough complaining. If it was going to be another cool and rainy summer – and Ian knew it was still too early to make that pronouncement – then he was going to enjoy it anyway.



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road

But how, he wondered placing his mug in the sink and looking at his sandals parked by the door. They were barely recognizable as sandals, they'd been around so long. Beside them leaned his paddle, pressed against the wall and nearly hidden by jackets and old towels worn as thin as some promises.

Without further thought Ian grabbed the paddle and his life-jacket hooked under an ancient

blue towel and headed outdoors. He hadn't been out in the canoe since arriving two weeks ago. It was long overdue.

The nice thing about canoeing in rainy weather is that you didn't have to worry about burning or sun stroke and there was more to see around the water. With his waterproof jacket, also taken from under the same blue towel, Ian was confident most of him would stay relatively dry. Suddenly he was feeling better and he hadn't even left dry land.

Of course the world smelt heavy, green and juicy as he walked down to the shore. Turning his canoe right side up, he slid it into the water like a hand eased into a kid glove. It barely made a ripple, even when he scooted in himself, digging his bare foot into the soft sand and pushing off into deeper water.

The drizzle plucked at the lake's surface which was the brownish green of a bullfrog's back. No other craft was on the water. In the distance the line between lake and land was indistinct and unimportant. Here and now, Ian saw all he needed to see as he dipped his paddle in and pulled it back in an easy rhythm.

The deep reflection of rock and evergreens hanging over the water's edge, came together to touch now and then like friends remembering together. Shiny patches of light coloured sand appeared, breaking up the dark humped shapes. And there was also colour. Like the red cardinal flowers and wild iris, a scattering of mauve trout lilies and of course, the flashing blue jays who seemed to enjoy shattering the quiet with their demanding voices.

Ian paddled on, past a small runoff fed by the rain and tumbling like a tiny perfect waterfalls. A great grey heron skimmed ghost-like over the surface as it came in for a landing, its wings folding up into its sides like a photographer's tripod. Frogs plopped. Turtles wished for sun. The splash of a beaver's tail warned Ian to keep his distance even though he had not spotted the bump in the water on his starboard side.

Had it been an idyllic summer day, Ian would not have heard the plop or splash or seen much more than the churn of waves spread by skiers and motorboats. In fact he probably wouldn't have even been in his canoe. Instead he would have been sitting on his dock, drinking another coffee, soaking up rays and telling himself he was having a wonderful time. At this moment, he suddenly knew which he preferred. And all because of the rain.



pic of the past

The Reverend George Finch was the Baptist minister in Haliburton from 1906 to 1918. He is shown here in a buggy beside his newly bricked church (built in 1904, bricked 1909). The former St. George's Anglican Church, which burned in 1920, occupies the hill in the background. Our thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for sharing the photo. Don't forget you can still buy a copy of the museum's beautiful coffee table book of historic photos.

letters to the editor

Cats rightly deserve a voice

To the Editor:

Re: *More cats than ever looking for homes*, Echo July 7

What a bittersweet story! I'm so glad this issue was covered in the *Echo*. The cats can't speak for themselves so it's important to have a voice on their behalf. Older cats are very adaptable, there

is a period of adjustment for the cat and the owner but the outcome truly worthwhile!

Keep up the good work Haliburton Feed Company and the *Haliburton Echo*.

Lisa Robertson
Lisa's Cat Sitting Service
Haliburton

Gooderham thanks everyone

To the Editor:

As secretary of the Gooderham Community Action Group, I would like to thank Celebrate Canada for their grant so that we had fireworks during the Gooderham Canada Day celebration, as well as all the volunteers from the group that worked on the games. The firefighters put on a

great barbecue to raise money for the Jaws of Life and the Gooderham Community Action Group put on the games and fireworks. We also had a wonderful Canada Day cake and signed a poster to send to the troops. Thanks again.

Marilyn Wooder
Gooderham

Places for People pleased as punch

To the Editor:

Places for People is very grateful for the coverage given by the media, both in anticipation of and reporting on our Possession Party on Friday, July 3. We were pleased with the public turn-out, and the platform party was everything we wanted. We think there are more opportunities as the

plan continues to unfold that not only engage the public in our particular project, but also raise awareness about the importance of affordable housing in our community. So thank you all.

Fay Martin, president
Places for People

More letters on page 8

READERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Haliburton County has a fabulous arts community

To the Editor:

On Wednesday evening I had the wonderful opportunity to take in the pleasure of a performance at the Northern Arts Pavilion. It was *Annie* at its best! Who knew we could enjoy a musical like *Annie* without the long drive to Toronto. We are so lucky to be able to appreciate this calibre of musical performance right in our own village of Haliburton!

I could tell that everyone was leaving

the theatre happy and completely satisfied with their experience. If everyone in the county had the pleasure of seeing this there would be a lot less stress and sadness in their lives! It definitely heightens the quality of life in our county!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to give us that performance of *Annie*!

Shiloe Melle
Minden

A little tourism advice

To the Editor:

parking meters in Haliburton.

Promote tourism rather than discourage local spending – do away with

Charles Crogan
Niagara Region

There is still room in...

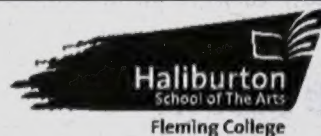
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Some sensitivity needed

To the Editor:

I have always been sickened by the smirks and innuendoes of people with small minds whenever "Gooderham" is mentioned but it is both tasteless and a personal insult to have that scenario played out to me in reference to my recently launched novel, *Goodroom*, eh? I was shopping in Haliburton recently when a store employee smirked after I told him the name of my novel.

Perhaps my memories of Haliburton when I was a teenager will titillate this person and the rest of Haliburton's small-minded bigots, too.

During my growing-up years, my family lived three miles south of Haliburton on the old Buckhorn Road. I went to S.S. No. 4 School, which was on the Parish Line until I finished Grade 10 then I had to go to the Haliburton District High School in Haliburton the next year; I was only 14 years old. My parents felt that it was too much for me to walk the six miles to and from school so arrangements were made for me to stay with the United Church minister and his wife.

This worked well for three or four months. Then one evening I had gone

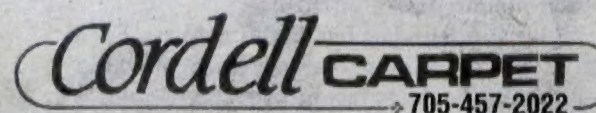
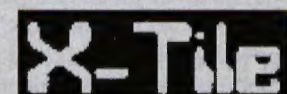
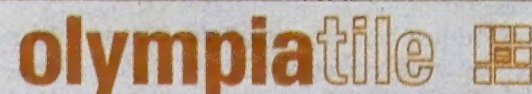
"downtown" for some reason, and I was almost back to the manse when I was assaulted by one of a group of young-men-about-town who attempted to rape me. His buddies (one of whom went to S.S. No. 4 for a short time) cheered him on with their coarse suggestions but I managed to get away and run to the manse, in the door and up the stairs to my room.

I returned home shortly after that episode as I was afraid of being attacked again if I stayed in town. After that I only had to try not to hear the crude language of some lads from the south end of town as they described various parts of their anatomy, and what they could/would do with same, when I entered the village on my way to school. These fellows also lived in nice houses and their parents were among my parent's friends.

These people might actually enjoy my novel about Gooderham as I have had rave reviews about it from as far away as the state of Washington. It is available at both local bookstores and Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

Elva Bates
Gooderham

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News hits too close to home

A seatbelt likely saved the life of *Echo* reporter Jenn Watt on Tuesday night when she lost control of her car on the Glamorgan Road just before 6:00. The road was slightly damp when she was coming around a corner and felt her car slide as if it was on black ice. She went into the right shoulder and when her wheels hit a submerged rock, the car flipped onto its roof on the roadway. *Echo* photographer Matt James, who happened to be following behind her, and another motorist helped her get out of her car. Watt was relatively uninjured, hurting only her left hand in the incident.

Council won't allow back-lot development on Kashagawigamog

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It may be more costly and it might make building a new home a hassle, but Ron Stackhouse will have to get his electricity from County Road 21 rather than the closer Wonderland Road.

Council unanimously denied Stackhouse's second attempt to have the road allowance leading from Wonderland Road to his property opened up for a hydro line and ATV trail to Lake Kashagawigamog.

Stackhouse expressed a desire to use the path for an underground hydro line as well as a way to get to the lake, where he said he'd like to have a dock at the 66-foot public access location.

"Yes, like everybody else, I want to have a dock down there," he said, noting that there is already a private dock there.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said there were two major issues with the plan: first, that the road allowance must be preserved

in case one of the adjacent landlocked properties needed access; and second, that what Stackhouse was describing was back-lot development, which the municipality won't allow.

"Our official plan doesn't allow back-lot development and this is in fact back-lot development, where you have a lot behind the lake, properties in front and you are allowed to construct and use the waterfront," Fearrey said.

The docks that are currently on the public access to Kashagawigamog will be removed, council said.

"I'm not here to rock the boat, that's not what I'm here to do, but I am adamant that I should have the right to run hydro up there because there's nothing in the original severance that I can see that says I have to go to County Road 21 for services," Stackhouse said.

Fearrey disagreed, citing the original severance document: "The reality is your severance was created with frontage off County Road 21. So, it was assumed that service would come off County Road 21."

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Chief Warrant Officer Chris Rusk stands with the Quilts of Valor, which have been handmade by the ladies of the Haliburton Highlands Quilters Guild and will soon be sent to injured soldiers. Rusk also happens to be the son of Sharon Middlehurst, the guild's president.



Haliburton quilts honour injured soldiers' valor

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Two quilts from the loving hands of the ladies at the Haliburton Highlands Quilters Guild are already keeping wounded soldiers warm and 10 more will soon be on their way.

In the basement of St. George's Anglican Church on July 8, Chief Warrant Officer Chris Rusk of CFB Petawawa, who is the son of the guild president Sharon Middlehurst, was at the quilters' meeting to read personal messages from the two men who received blankets that the guild had donated to the Quilts of Valor project.

Sergeant Corey Peckford was wound-

ed this year while on duty. His legs were badly injured and risks losing his left foot. He also received blast effects to discs in his back while pulling the driver of his vehicle out of harm's way.

"It actually meant a lot to me," Sgt. Peckford wrote in a letter to Rusk about the quilt. "It's good to see that people appreciate what we do. My wife had a little tear in her eye when I brought [the quilt] home. Soldiers don't realize how much the public supports the troops and it's just another example of that support."

"My wife is really attached to the quilt. It was obviously made with love with a sense of appreciation of what we do. The quilt stays in my living room draped over the side of my couch where everyone can see it."

"I'm proud of my quilt and I appreciate the gesture and it will always be a reminder of the support that was given to me and my family and all soldiers that come home injured."

Warrant Officer Ken Power was wounded in December 2008. He was hit by a direct fire weapon and suffered burns to the lower third of his back. He was one of the lucky ones in the vehicle. He's fully recovered, back in training, and will soon return for duty.

He too wrote to Rusk about the quilt.

"It's really kind of hard to express the words of how much it did mean. Due to the nature of my injuries, and dressings when I came home, I was always wet as my dressing needed to be kept moist."

"As well with burns to that much sur-

face area it makes it hard for the body to regulate temperature. I had other blankets at home but nothing seemed to keep me as comfortable as the quilt. I don't know if it was the material that the quilt was made from or the mental thoughts as it was made specifically for a wounded soldier but I can thank enough whoever spent the time making this quilt."

"It sounds kind of soft for a tough war guy like me but I know it's the truth."

After Rusk read the letters out loud to the guild members, he said "I thought that would be the most straightforward way for you to see exactly what those quilts mean to the soldiers."

To date Canada has lost 124 soldiers in the war in Afghanistan.



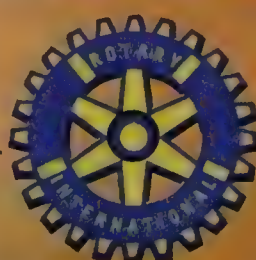
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Surgery helps Bonnie Thompson get her life back on track

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she's shed 100 pounds. She has faith in her future. She's getting outside and walking. She took part in the recent Relay for Life and is taking pledges for her 60-kilometre Weekend to End Breast Cancer this fall.

"It's not about weight loss; it's about feeling healthy," she says. "I can walk, I can sleep without a sleep apnea machine and I can wear nice things and feel more special in the skin I'm in."

"Now it's about living and living well," she says.

Gastric bypass surgery was Thompson's last chance at gaining control over her food addiction. Since childhood, she's used food as an emotional crutch. And while she was able to address her other addictions, the one to eating was too big a foe. She couldn't, after all, simply stop eating – go cold turkey on food, so to speak. Surgery was her only remaining option.

It wasn't without risks. There could have been very serious health ramifications and she might have become one of the people who would find a way



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Last November, when the *Echo* took Bonnie Thompson's photo just before her gastric bypass surgery, she filled out this blue denim dress. By spring she'd lost enough weight to fit in her employer, Wendy Gunning.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

A year ago, Bonnie Thompson could barely walk 10 metres. In June, she took part in the 12-hour Relay for Life in Haliburton and plans to walk in the Weekend to End Breast County. She says her surgery is not about losing weight; it's about being able to lead a healthy lifestyle.

to cram the calories into her small stomach. But doing nothing was a larger risk. At 309 pounds, walking 10 metres exhausted her. The extra weight was putting pressure on her joints and causing other, equally serious health problems, including diabetes. Exercising her way to weight loss was not an option.

Thompson has three children, two still at home. The father of the oldest two children died

14 years ago and Thompson's more recent marriage was about to end. As she went into the surgery, she was terrified by the thought she might die. Who would take care of her children then?

"The surgery is not a free ride," she says with her characteristic candour. "This is work, there are risks. It's a life-changing event but when you look at all your options, don't count this out. This gives you the op-

portunity to live your life...

"The surgery has given me the opportunity to be so much more than I could have been without it."

The surgery was on a Friday in November. By the following Tuesday she was back to work full-time at County Commercial Commercials. It wasn't easy but she was determined to conquer any and all challenges. She's following all the post-surgery rules because, as she says, "If you don't follow the rules, why play the game?"

However, since food was what she had turned to in search of solace and celebration before the surgery, it's not like the surgery would remove all the triggers that made her want to eat.

"I have to be careful because I have an addictive personality and stress seems to find me wherever I go," she says.

Gastric bypass surgery makes it very difficult to eat large portions of food; that's how you lose weight. You feel full much faster. But we often don't eat because we're hungry; we eat because food makes us feel better. The trick is to find other ways to feel better. Thompson's way is to go for a walk, which is why her training schedule for the 60-km walk for breast cancer fits in with her routine.

She's doing the walk with her sister Debbie, who's also been very helpful throughout the period before and after the surgery. Debbie volunteers at the Lily Ann second-hand clothing store in Haliburton and is finding the perfect outfit for every one of Thompson's sizes – and she's gone through quite a few in the past six months.

"I think it will be exciting," Thompson says of the event, which takes place in Toronto this September. Not only have people in Thompson's life been affected by cancer but "it's a way to spend time with someone who's very important in my life."

She has been very touched by the support she's received since the surgery, including from people who contacted her after the *Echo* ran a story about her surgery last November. "Family, friends, my kids have all been phenomenal," she says. "That's what makes it work."

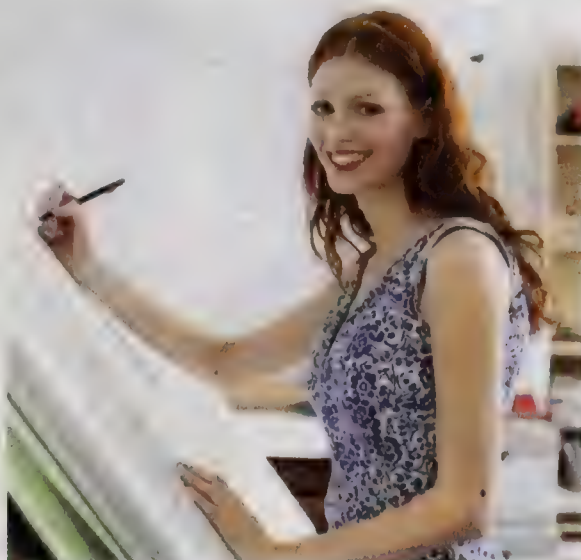
Thompson has already lost the weight she set out to lose. She'll probably lose more, partly because she's now able to be so much more active. She hasn't set any goals for herself because this was never about how many pounds she could lose.

"I don't want to be thin," she says. "I just want to be healthy. I'm good to go."



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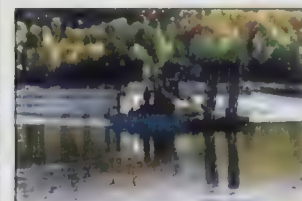
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DEBRA DART RETIRES

Pavilion manager celebrates a decade of achievements

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Debra Dart has a list of favourite memories from the nine years she spent as manager of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The first is the June 2000 gala celebration, which applauded the community's achievement of transforming a former high school gymnasium into a proper theatre and also let the world know how much local talent can be found to perform on that stage.

The second is the time she shared the stage with her daughter Lauren and son Devon.

The third is her last performance with the Highlands Summer Festival, which she believes was her best. (*Painting Churches* in 2003.)

But her all-time favourite memory involves no audience, no actors, no buzz of a live performance.

"I'd come in here all by myself, put on classical music very loud and paint the stage," she says. "It was just so special. I didn't have to share the theatre with anyone."

The Northern Lights Pavilion has become a special place for Dart, who is stepping down as manager and transferring all the knowledge she's gained to Heather Smith, who will now be in charge of making sure that everything runs smoothly at the pavilion.

The irony is that Dart was adamantly opposed to the



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

As a parting gift, the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society fulfilled founding manager Debra Dart's dream of putting "Romeos" and "Juliets" signs on the dressing room doors of the Northern Lights Pavilion. Dart, right, is stepping down as the theatre's manager and Heather Smith is new person in charge of making sure the show will go on.

idea of turning the old girls gym at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School into a theatre as part of the school's expansion project. She'd had to cope with the challenges of sharing space with the high school when Highlands Little Theatre mounted productions on the old raised stage, including never being able to leave the props and set over night. "I couldn't think of a worst place to put this," she says.

But when the community raised its share of the capital costs, "I thought I'd take all that negativity and turn it into positive energy and make it work. I wanted to be glad about it and give them a good experience to make them want to come back.

"It was a dream come true and I was proud of it and wanted to show it off."

And work it has. The 226-seat pavilion is owned by the school board but managed as a partnership between the volunteer-run Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society and the school, which uses it as an education space during the day. It is booked by community groups or performers for roughly one third of the year. It has become home to the successful Highlands Summer Festival, which is celebrating its 10th season, and music festival, hosted close to 200 dancers during recitals, welcomed some of Canada's top musicians as part of the annual concert series, and provided a platform for countless presentations and performances.

"It's just a gem of a place," Dart says. Not only has

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Professional theatre space is a 'dream come true'

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it opened people's eyes to the performing arts, but "people are amazed that our own community has such talent."

Dart is one of those talented people. She remembers performing on that old gym stage, which had only one entrance and plywood stacking chairs stored under the stage. (They used to rent out cushions for 50 cents a night.) Even though she was shy, she could transform herself on stage.

"Waiting in the wings [before a performance] is the worst time in the world. You have to remember everything – your lines, where you're supposed to be – but when you step onto that stage and you say those first lines, it's magic. It's me with my character and making people laugh or cry. Who needs drugs when you can perform?"

That's a question that Heather Smith has no desire to answer. Although she's been involved with the pavilion for several years, she's only on stage when she's dressed in black and helping to make the scene changes.

"I've never acted and I'm not about to," Smith laughs. "I like being backstage and watching the audience." She especially loves the vibe that fills the pavilion in the moments after a performance ends. "You go to black, the lights come back on in the theatre and the audience is up on their feet applauding."

She became involved with the theatre when her daughter Vanessa was acting in *There Goes the Bride*. Two days before opening night, a member of the backstage crew quit and Vanessa was frantically trying to find a replacement. Why didn't her mother do it?

"I did make up, sound effects and move furniture," Heather says.

After that, she was stage manager for many productions and has come to realize how much work goes into every performance. Because of the limitations of space and access, most play rehearsals take place elsewhere and it's only when opening night is approaching that

the production starts to move into the pavilion.

"It's our job [as the backstage crew] is to give the cast what they need to present what they've worked so hard on. This is their shining moment," she says, adding that she also enjoys watching the audiences' reaction. "You take people away on a journey – they get to escape."

There has been some criticism of the cost of renting the pavilion for the night. Those costs include having insurance should something

go wrong and paying for the school's custodial staff. The pavilion also has to make enough money to help pay for new and improved equipment, such as headsets and sound boards.

"We're covering costs," says Dart. "We have money in the bank [to pay the bills] but it's not a money maker."

She's also been pleased with the relationship between the pavilion and the school staff, especially June Smith, who's the pavilion's go-to person. Although Dart would still like to win the battle to get a pavilion sign placed on the side of the school, there's a great spirit of co-operation. "You just have to share and play nice in the sandbox."

Smith says many of the high school's students don't realize how lucky they are to have a professional-caliber stage in their backyard. Those who do have often gone on to pursue their own careers in live performance. (Professional musicians are also impressed by the grand piano that the performing arts society owns and keeps at the pavilion.)

"I just think we're so fortunate to have the facility we have," Smith says. "For such a small town, it's amazing what we offer."

Dart shares that pride and will continue to do so long after she has a formal role with the pavilion. "It just keeps getting better."

To book the pavilion, please contact manager Heather Smith at 457-7751 or email northernlightstheatre@gmail.com.

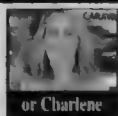


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Gold medalist Cody Hodgson shakes the hand of a female soldier on June 29 at CFB Petawawa on June 29. Hodgson and his Team Canada teammates attended a three-day team-building program at the base in December 2008.

Visit to CFB Petawawa Hodgson shares success

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

What began with a team concept of the "power of one" at CFB Petawawa in December 2008 ended with a gold medal victory for Team Canada at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Ottawa on January 6.

Keeping his promise of returning to the base if Canada won gold, Team Canada head coach Pat Quinn, along with Team Canada captain Thomas Hickey and alternate captain Cody Hodgson, returned to sign autographs and thank the troops on June 29.

"It was an experience here that we'll never forget," said Hodgson on www.army.forces.gc.ca. "We really, truly enjoyed it."

Hodgson was also quoted in a CTV.ca article. "We really came together as a team and we know that without these guys we wouldn't have won," he said.

During the recent visit Hodgson signed a number of autographs while CFB personnel and dignitaries had their photos taken with the World Junior trophy.

After Quinn and the Team Canada coaching staff made the final roster selections on December 15, time was of the essence and the coaching staff wanted their team to come together quickly.

What better place to learn team-building skills than at a Canadian military base?

When the players and coaching staff arrived in December for the three-day team-building program they encountered a type of training that was a little different than what they normally did on the ice.

How about such training exercises as being attacked in a simulated ambush, participating in a casualty stretcher march, leaping from a mock tower, crossing a river in an assault boat, and weapons handling and range practice.

Quinn says that team building is one of the cornerstones of a gold medal team

and that his team learned from the best.

More than 2,000 troops assembled at CFB Petawawa for the event.

Ready for the NHL?

Every hockey fan has an opinion about whether Hodgson will make the Vancouver Canucks this year; fortunately the ones that matter are those making the decisions within the confines of the Canucks organization.

And in a recent *Vancouver Sun* website article, one man on the inside thinks the Haliburton Lake cottager is ready for the big club.

"Oh yeah, he's ready to make the NHL," said Dave Gagner, the Canucks' director of player development on vancouver.sun.com. "I'm pretty confident he'll be able to do that."

This past season has been, far and away, the best year of experience for the 19-year-old hockey player who was born in Haliburton when his father, Chris, was the riding's MPP. Cody's accomplishments began in January winning gold with Team Canada, leading the tournament in scoring.

He then returned to the Brampton Battalion and finished the season very strong, leading the team as captain and the team's top scorer into the OHL final where the Windsor Spitfires finally defeated them in six games.

Having signed an NHL entry-level contract with the Canucks after nearly making the team last year, once his tenure was complete with the Battalion he joined the Canucks AHL affiliate, the Manitoba Moose, for their run at the Calder Cup.

So what does Hodgson have to say about all this? "I feel I've done everything I could in junior and I think I'm ready for the next step," he said in the *Vancouver Sun* article. "I'm going to do whatever I can to make that an easy decision for the coaches and management. Any line would be fine. Anywhere I play, I'd take it."

KEEP FIT

Runners wanted for local clubs

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Over the winter months Terri Mathews of Haliburton Dance Arts started a running group on Facebook and about 30 members joined up.

Since that time, however, it occurred to Mathews that not everyone is online or has a Facebook account, so she's extending the invitation to anyone who might be interested in running, whether it be for better health, to stay fit, or just for fun.

Mathews says there's currently a core group of six to 10 runners who come out each weekend and another group of six who consistently do weekday evening runs.

"We have even signed up for a few half marathons," said Mathews.

The group runs at 7 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays with an average distance of 10 kilometres. The weekday evening runs are at various times and are about 5 km. The route changes all the time for variety.

"We want new runners, old runners, beginners, anyone interested in meeting some new people and getting outside to come out and try it," said Mathews. "There are lots of different paces from slow to fast and you can choose how far you go, you don't have to do the set distance."

For more information you can reach Mathews at 457-1368 or by email at haliburtondance@sympatico.ca.



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These ladies love to run and they want you to join their friendly and fun running group. From left are Mina Stephens, Tammy Villamere, Terri Mathews, Kathryn Boyd, and Crystal Harrison.

Trailblazers update

Back in mid-May two local running enthusiasts Jason Glecoff and Oliver Fischer tried to get a running club, Trailblazers, off the ground.

Since then the summer has unfortunately kept them a little busy. Fischer is in British Columbia adventuring

and writing for *National Geographic* and Glecoff is busy with the family business, V&S in Haliburton. "It's going to be more of a fall thing for us," said Glecoff.

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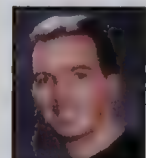
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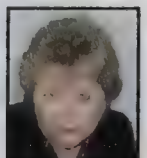


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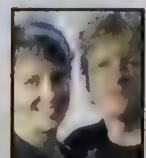
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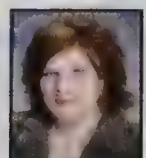
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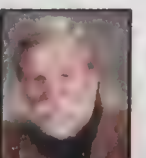
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2010 IDITAROD

Winterdance team one step closer to 1,100-mile Alaska adventure

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

At a time when most people were enjoying the warm days of summer, Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready were in Alaska dreaming about the return of winter.

This past March, DeBruin completed the last race he needed in order to qualify for Iditarod, the grueling 1,100-mile dogsled race across Alaska. Competing in the Holy Grail of dogsled races will be the fulfillment of a dream.

But there's a lot of work to be done before he even sets off from the starting line next February. The Drag Lake couple, who own Winterdance Dogsled Tours, recently flew to Alaska to sign up.

"They draw bib numbers at the picnic and Hank will be bib 31," McCready says. "They have 60 teams at this point so right in the middle is a good spot as far as Hank is concerned."

While there, they were so caught up with meeting people whose names are

synonymous with Iditarod that they were completely oblivious to former vice-president candidate Sarah Palin's very public meltdown in Wasilla.

Those people include Dick Mackey, a former race champion, and his son Lance, a three-time Iditarod champion and four-time Yukon Quest champion.

McCready says, "They are all legends yet they treat you like the next-door neighbour they have known forever."

They also spent some time with race director Joanne Potts, "a wonderful lady who was incredibly patient with all our rookie questions and so helpful and supportive. Se even seemed excited to have a team from Ontario there," McCready says. "Mark Nordman, the race marshal wowed us with his supportiveness. He also told Hank that he was from Minnesota and that he would take a -50°F day on the Yukon River any day over a -20°F day in Minnesota. It made Hank breathe a huge sigh of relief considering Hank experienced a -38°F night with winds in Minnesota this winter and wasn't sure



Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours recently travelled to Wasilla, Alaska to sign up for Iditarod 2010. While there he met Dick Mackey, 1978 champion and the father of three-time Iditarod champion and four-time Yukon Quest champion Lance Mackey.

how much colder he could handle."

Now that the first step has been taken, the couple must concentrate on fundraising and training. They'll have to fit this into their schedule as parents of four young children, caretakers of 120 purebred Siberian Huskies and owner of an outdoor adventure business that now

includes canoe tours.

"It is surreal in many aspects that we are 'there,'" McCready says.

To find out more about DeBruin's Iditarod adventure go to www.winterdance.com/raceteam. You can also help to sponsor the Haliburton team's entry in Iditarod.



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Skies clear for annual Highland Games

• Photos by Sian Cox •

Organizers of the Haliburton Highland Games on Saturday were all very pleased with the day.

Attendance this year was down a bit from last – about 1,325 this year compared to 1,750 last year – and it probably was due to the wet weather in the morning. Jim Frost, chair of the organizing committee, thought the day was a huge success and said once the weather started to clear up people started to come out.

Frost added, "We've been told we have the best venue of all the Highland Games because of the setting. We are a small competition but we are successful and we have a great time."



George Chiappa from Ottawa takes aim in the distance throw competition as part of the crowd-pleasing heavy events.



A participant in Camp Wanakita's children's games didn't mind the rain because she got wet in the sponge toss.



A Highland dance competitor performs the sword dance.



Left: sheep are herded by two of the border collies from Largsyl Border Collies and Rescues in Castleton.



Sarah Varty marches and drums in Head Lake Park at the 21st annual Highland Games.



Scotty Morrison was the affable master of ceremonies.



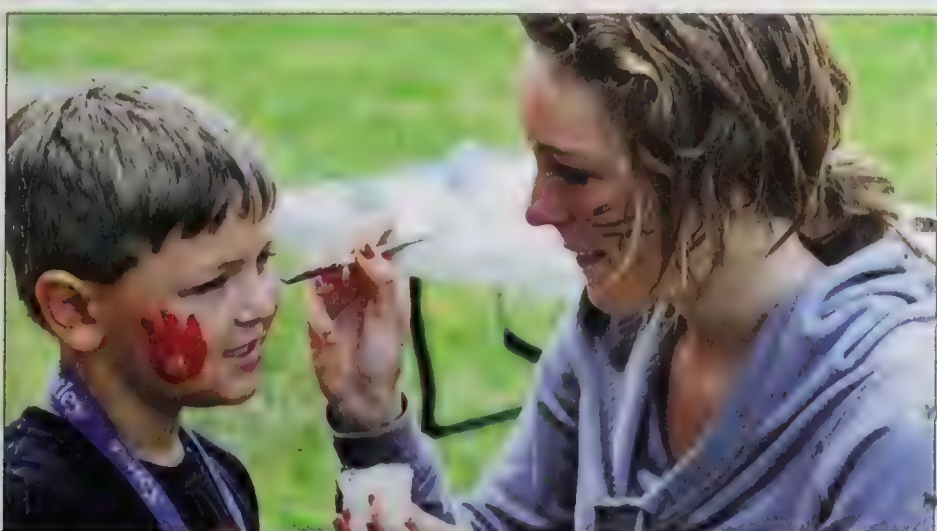
A group dances to traditional Scottish music on stage.



Heavy Events Champion and Winner of the Caber Toss Markus Wand from North Bay won the Ken Cleeland Trophy.



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums joined other drums as they marched onto the field.



Aaron Bellefleur gets his face painted by Marika Brooks at YMCA Camp Wanakita's Children's Program.

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There is a \$1,000 jackpot bingo every Wednesday until the end of August. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m.

Congratulations go out to one of our veterans Grenville Draper who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

The Jim Fletcher Memorial Dart Tournament will take place on August 29 and the Jack Gorin Memorial Golf Tournament

will be at Lakeside Golf Course on August 30. There are signup sheets and details in the clubroom.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to all our members that are not in the best of health.

Everyone at the Branch mourns the loss of Janet Shipley, a long-time faithful member and volunteer in the branch and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Her presence will be greatly missed.

Unfortunately, although there were a number of donations recommended

by the executive we have been unable to get them approved yet as there was not a quorum at the July general meeting. For the same reason new members could not be approved. It is very discouraging and unproductive when this happens. The meeting was well announced thanks to our local radio stations and it is always on the second Thursday of the month. We do thank the three members and eight executive members that did attend.

We certainly hope to see more members at the August general meeting which is August 13 at 7:30. Members PLEASE mark it on your calendar now.

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Attempted murder investigation leads to cottage in Haliburton

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wounds at an apartment and was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries. He is continuing to recover from his wounds.

Two days later, the *Waterloo Record* reported that "a 20-year-old Cambridge man was arrested in a 'high-risk takedown' on Highway 401 near Dixie Road." He was charged with attempted murder and pleaded guilty to drug-related charges last month. He remains in custody until his sentencing in November.

Meanwhile, Waterloo regional police continued their investigation into the attempted murder. They arrested five people on Thursday, including the two who were visiting Haliburton.

"We believe all the individuals were known to each other," Olaf Heinzl, the public affairs co-ordinator for the Waterloo Regional Police Services, told the *Echo*. He told the *Record* that the shooting in

March was targeted and that while the accused are not part of defined criminal group, they work together.

Heinzl says that the time lapse between the attempted murder and Thursday's arrest was to give police time to gather sufficient evidence to lay the charges. They knew they'd be arresting the couple in Haliburton and contacted the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

"It's customary when police go into neighbouring jurisdictions to let them know of our presence," Heinzl said Monday morning. The Haliburton OPP "did provide some officers to be of assistance."

Heinzl says that in connection with the investigation, the police executed search warrants at two residences in Cambridge as well as a cottage on Thornbury Trail. Police seized a quantity of controlled substances, two motorcycles, a car, a SUV and a boat. The *Record* reports that police also seized an undisclosed amount of cash from the Haliburton location.

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Barb Bolin and Charles O'Neil fit snugly in the Really Big Shoe in Fleming College's sculpture forest. O'Neil created the work to honour Bolin's 35 years with the college. /Jenn Watt photo

Bolin has big shoe to fill at Sculpture Forest

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It seems fitting that after 35 years working for Fleming College Barb Bolin would leave big shoes to fill, or at least one very large stiletto.

Last Friday, artists, educators, politicians, students and community members gathered at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest for the induction of the latest piece: Charles O'Neil's Fire and Ice: A Really Big Shoe. The sculpture was purchased with funds raised in Bolin's honour at her retirement last year.

"This is the second piece in one year inducted [into the sculpture forest] and that's really something that's quite incredible," said Fleming principal Sandra Dupret.

The colours resemble fire and ice, leading to the naming of the work, with large shining red and white beads strung on the wire and steel frame.

O'Neil started making the smaller shoe versions of Fire and Ice after taking a commission from Jane Weitzman, wife of the upscale New York shoemaker Stuart Weitzman.

That shoe was made by hand with wire, the sculpture was a little more intensive, built at Fleming College's blacksmith shop welded from steel.

"It kind of [took] my breath away" to think of making the shoe, O'Neil said Friday.

But he was up for the challenge and the result stands almost two metres tall at the entrance to the forest at Fleming College.

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Cops and kids go fishing

It takes a village to take 100 kids fishing. Last Wednesday morning, several local organizations banded together for the Kids and Cops fishing derby. The OPP had its boat on the waters of Head Lake in downtown Haliburton and helping them give dozens of children a free fishing experience were conservation officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources and representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Stewardship Council, the Haliburton volunteer fire department, Kinark Child and Family Services, Fishing Forever and Canadian Tire. Dawn Beard of Point in Time rounded up the young anglers. There were 118 kids and helpers signed up for the activities which included minnow races, toss the trout, hitting a target with a fire hose and a casting competition. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch in the park before the rain fell.

Right: OPP Const. Robin Carmount helps 16-month-old William Grexton into the police boat before taking a group of mothers and children out for a ride.



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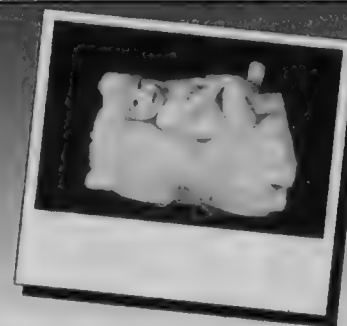
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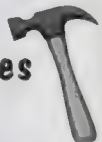
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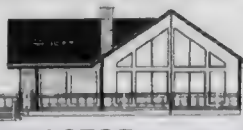
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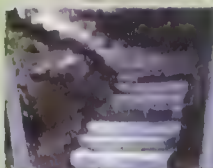
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Kim Boucher, Jennifer Peck and Melanie Peck take a break between activities

Loads of Kash fun

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Saturday, July 10 was a fun filled day for the residents on Lake Kashagawigamog as they headed to Halimar Resort for the annual LKO Regatta. With the afternoon being packed with activities such as canoe racing, swimming, tug of war, bubblegum blowing contests, sand castle competitions, a nature hunt and volleyball; everyone who arrived was sure to have a great time! The day was a great chance for everyone on the lake to get together, take a break from their busy lives and have some fun in cottage country!



Brooke Leonard gets her face painted with a beautiful butterfly by Heather Childs.



Left: the adults in the crowd stepped in as well during the tug of war tournament last Saturday at the LKO Regatta.

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Travis Chandler plays on the beach at Halimar Resort during the LKO Regatta last Saturday.



Taylor King works hard for his team during the race to get dressed on Saturday.



Jeffrey and Alex MacPhee pull like mad to win the tug-o-war for their team!

See all the photos of the regatta online at
www.haliburtonecho.ca

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Tuesday, August 4th, 2009
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Barry and Ken Barry Holdings Limited:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will zone the lands to permit their use for rural residential purposes and will require a 30 metre front lot line setback. The EP zone boundary is further defined by the proposed by-law. Zone change from RU1 and EP to RR-10 and EP.
 - Location: Part of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 2, Guilford Township (Irish Line Road).
 - This application is a condition of applications for consent H-067/2008, H-068/2008 and H-042/2009.
2. Lands of J. C. Holdings Inc.:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will amend the C-1 zone of Bylaw 2005-120 to permit a mix of commercial and residential uses. Permitted uses: 8 dwelling units, a business office, a clinic, a home office, a personal service shop, a professional office and a retail store. Site specific zone provisions are included to regulate the development.
 - Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 8, Lot 9 and Part of Lots 2 and 3, Block F, Plan 1, Dysart Township (Highland Street).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 14th day of July, 2009.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

Career & Business Opportunities



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Lead Hand

Applications for the position of lead hand for the Roads Department will be accepted up until
July 22nd, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. local time

Primary function is to assist in the direction of the maintenance and operation of the Municipality's road system. Perform a lead hand role in the operation of the trucks, graders and other equipment in the construction and maintenance of the roads, bridges and other road works. Participate in the development of work schedules, supervision of staff and directing equipment maintenance.

Education: High School plus additional specialized courses taught in Community College of 3 academic years in road construction, road safety and heavy equipment operation with CRS-1 designation or the equivalent of.

Experience: 3 to 4 years in maintenance and construction in a municipal or provincial road system, including staff supervision.

A valid Class DZ licence is required: A valid Class AZ licence is an asset.

A detailed job description is available at the Municipal Office. This is a Union position. Qualified applicants may submit a resume to **Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East, 2249 Loop Road, Box 295 Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0 Tel 705-448-2981 ext 227, Fax 705-448-2532, email sstocraig@highlandseast.ca**

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for candidate selection purposes only.

Harcourt's annual 3-pitch tournament a hit

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3640

Another whole year has passed since our last annual summer visit from our granddaughter Rachel. Where has the time gone? What a busy but wonderful week we have enjoyed with Rachel in spite of Mother Nature's unpredictable and diverse temperament. There were hours of teasing, laughing, playing, swimming, riding on the four-wheeler, watching her horseback riding, roasting marshmallows by the campfire and bike riding. It was such a delight watching her proudly driving the garden tractor and kayaking for the first time. She asked her usual thousand and one questions and when I forgot what I was about to tell her to do, I knew it wasn't as important anyway as what she had to say to me. Her dimpled smile, hugs, kisses and I love yous provided us with a week full of very fond memories. Children/grandchildren are such a wonderful gift and to love them feels so right. I agree wholeheartedly that if a child lives with approval he or she learns to like

themselves and if they live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

Rachel and a number of other little ones were very busy this past weekend as they retrieved the many balls that were hit out of the baseball diamond at Harcourt's 11th Annual Mixed 3-Pitch Tournament.

This traditional tournament weekend has turned into a very special time for many of our team members. It is a reunion of team players and their families and in spite of the mosquitoes, sand flies, intermittent drizzling rain, the teasing and the laughter everyone has a really great time – young and old alike and that is just what we hope our teams and players have each year. A time to kick back, chill out, calm down and enjoy the camaraderie and competition.

As customary we offer congratulations to those who won the top divisions and for those who did not make it this time, hang in there, your turn will come. All the guys and gals gave it their best shots; however not all scored as champions. Regardless we thank everyone for their continued support. Now to highlight some of the ball tournaments successes!

The first game Friday night started at 8 p.m. with the Wild Piglets going wild and beating the Wilberforce Team with an end score of 17 to 1. Second game for

the evening found the Bierworth Ready-Mix rough and ready in the first inning scoring a total of seven runs and finally beating the Sultans of Swing 16 to 7. The third game starting at 10 p.m. was played by Minden and the Sines during prime mosquito time. The mosquitoes were described as being as big as grasshoppers. End result – Sines 19 and Minden 17.

Saturday morning started out with the Bone Thugs with their bats swinging and soon six home runs pulled them ahead of the Sines 15 – 8. Game 5 starting at 9 a.m. found the Git 'R' Done Team having difficulty living up to their reputation that ended up with the Wobblers getting it done with 19 runs to their two. In Game 6 the M & M Team battled it out with the Bierworth Ready-Mix team with bats swinging. M & M managed 16 fly outs and Bierworth 15 fly outs. In the end Bierworth Ready-Mix defeated M & M 21 to 7. Game 7 at 11 a.m. found the Harcourt Hotties very "hot" and in spite of 14 fly outs they managed to score 17 runs to the Leftovers' two runs. Game 8 the Bullfrogs croaked out 6 runs to the Muskokans 3 runs. Game 9 the Minden gloves were hot after catching 442 Moxy Team's 21 fly outs. Final score Minden 14 – 442 Moxy 10.

Game 10 the Barry's Bandits tried to steal the game from the Sultans of Swing. However, the Sultans held their own beating the Barry's Bandits 17 to 10. Game 11 at 3 p.m. ended with the Wild Piglets outscoring the Muskokans 11 to 5. Game 12 the Leftovers were left far behind as The Wobblers managed 19 runs over their two runs. Game 13 found 442 Moxy struggling against the Bone Thugs with the Bone Thugs managing 26 runs to their 4. Game 14 was a very close game with the Barry's Bandits scoring 13 runs to the M & M's 16 runs. Game 15 the Bullfrogs squeaked out 6 runs to Wilberforce's 16 runs. Game 16 was a very close game with the Leftovers taking the Git 'R' Done 11 – 7. Game 17 the Sultans of Swing reined victorious over the M & M team with 22 runs to 9. Game 18 found Wilberforce struggling with 11 runs versus the Muskokans's 20 runs. Game 19 found the Git 'R' Done Team not doing so well with four runs as opposed to the Harcourt Hotties' 17 runs. Game 20 found each team suffering from numerous fly outs by each team. Finally Bierworth Ready-Mix pulled ahead of Barry's Bandits 14-10.

Game 21 Team 442 Moxy was alive and well for this game beating the Sines 19-14. Game 22 – the Wild Piglets were after the Bullfrogs in this game beating the Bullfrogs 18 – 9. Game 23 – the Wobblers had a very good 4th inning bringing in 8 runs giving them a 16 run lead over the Harcourt Hotties 9 run total. Game 24 – Great game for Bone Thugs with 28 total runs to Minden's 11-run total.

The Rec. Division "B" Championship Game found the WobblerTeam taking on the Harcourt Hotties. End result of this game – the Harcourt Hotties were out scored by the WobblerTeam 16 to 6.

At 2 p.m. two very well matched teams came up against one another. The Sines won the Open Division "B" Championship Game against the Sultans 24 to 17. This was an excellent game with a lot of good fielding and great ball handling.

As skies continued to darken with threatening rain clouds, the Wobblers defeated the Wild Piglets 17 to 9 winning the Rec Division "A" Championship Game. Very good game well played by both teams.

Final game of the tournament found the Bone Thugs up against the Bierworth Ready-Mix Team as they both sought after the coveted Open Division "A" Championship Game.

Congratulations to the champs of this year's tournament - Bierworth Ready-Mix Team with 24 runs scored versus Bone Thugs' five runs. Congratulations to both teams for a good game!

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NOTICE of SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, notice is hereby provided that a Special Council Meeting will be held on Friday, July 17th, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office for the purpose of considering a by-law pursuant to Section 36(4) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended. The proposed by-law will remove the holding provisions with respect to the H1-RS-3 Exception zone and the H1-OS-10 Exception zone, By-law 2006-119 (lands of Silver Beach Developments).

NOTICE of SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, notice is hereby provided that a Special Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, at the Municipal Office, located at 135 Maple Avenue. The purpose of the meeting will be to:

- Introduce the Official Plan 5 year review programme;
- Review the background information that is available to the public;
- Explain the policy direction from senior levels of government; and
- Provide an opportunity for residents to discuss ideas and concerns.

For further information on the Official Plan 5 year review programme, please visit the Municipal at www.dysartetal.ca

There is no 'I' in team of volunteers

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A very special note of thanks is extended to Don Meharrie for co-coordinating an excellent tournament again this year. Everyone was extremely appreciative of his calm endeavours to make this a great weekend. Thank you to Paul, Mel and Ross who did an admirable job umpiring. Big thank you to John Meharrie who kept score for all but three games over the weekend.

A special thanks is extended to Ed Otto and all the snack bar helpers who fed the masses and to Doug Knox and all the volunteers who managed the beer garden. Our volunteers add so much value to our community events. Without all these excellent people we would not be able to provide the events we do.

We wish to thank all the ball players who came from near and far and we hope all participants had an opportunity to make and renew friendships and enjoyed the tournament. It is very rewarding to see younger members coming out to enjoy playing ball on family teams and to witness the positive encouragement being shared among family and friends. As one very encouraging and upbeat female ball player indicated, "there is no 'I' in team" and how very right she is. We hope to see all teams back again in 2010 for another weekend of great ball at Harcourt's 12th Annual Mixed 3 Pitch Ball Tournament.

If you have not registered yet then it is time to do so for the 12th Annual Harcourt Bass Tournament to take place on Saturday, July 18. You can fish Elephant, Baptiste and Benoir Lakes. Live-release only so make sure those "live wells" are working. Proceeds from tournament go to the upkeep of the Harcourt Community Centre. You can register by contacting Doug Knox at 705-448-2596. Don't be left out!

Saturday, July 18 is the 50th anniversary of Harcourt Park. We wish them all the very best on this most momentous occasion. Happy anniversary Harcourt Park!

August 7 and 8 is the 25th Annual Agricultural Fair to be held in Wilberforce. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 7 and 9 a.m. on August 8. The fair offers up fun for all, big or small. Plan on joining us for a day of fun and learning and enter our many contests and events! Roast Beef Dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

July 15: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre.

July 16: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch.

July 18: Harcourt's 12th Annual Bass Tournament.

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HCSA plans next season and wants your help

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, under a new board of directors, is busy making plans for the upcoming season and is seeking volunteers to assist in preparing our trails.

The HCSA is committed to establishing an effective volunteer base with a diverse set of interests, skills and needs, so to provide safe high quality trails. The HCSA has developed policies and practices that will ensure effective volunteer management including provision for ongoing training and recognition activities. A volunteer orientation barbecue is planned for 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 at the HCSA clubhouse at 171 Mal-lard Road in Haliburton's industrial park.

Come and join us to learn about the exciting plans in store for our trails. Meet the folks at the club that are working hard to satisfy our riders, and contribute your ideas and time to making the upcoming season a big success. For more information visit www.hcsa.on.ca or call Brian Nash at 705-455-9388.

Coming Events

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Saturday, July 25 to Sunday, July 26

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- Have your cake and experience it too...crepes, French toast, pancakes, sausages, maple baked beans, angelfood cake, sundaes and banana splits, milkshakes or smoothies made with fresh raspberries

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only.
Wintergreen Pancake Barn
#3325 Gelert Road in Gelert
Call 286-3202

WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN is offering the last night of Minden Fringe Theatre July 18th...original one act plays by local Haliburton artists (featuring Jim Blake, Fay Wilkinson and Brigitte Gall AND a musical performance by Jerelyn Craden (August 8th) dinner at 7, performances at 8 p.m. By reservation only (50 people max)...dinner and show \$30.00 per person, tickets selling out quickly (cash or cheque) the night of the performance

Wintergreen will also feature a Customer Appreciation night August 5th at 6:00 p.m....our theme Barbados...(Bajan dinner)...come for a wonderful free meal with presentation and prizes (50 spots only...phone to reserve, 286-3202)

Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility Centre at Wintergreen...by appt. only...call Paul Morin at 286-4360...deadline September 15th

Trip to Wilberforce takes seventy decades

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Sometimes getting to one's goal or destination is a smooth and quick journey. Other times it can take much longer. Back in 1933 or maybe '32, young Roger Chitenden and his bride, who had arrived from England just before the wedding, headed north for a honeymoon in Wilberforce. Roger felt confident about the trip because he had been given a map which showed a road from Havelock, Ontario to Wilberforce.

Their journey went quite well as they travelled over varied terrain until they became decidedly bogged down somewhere north of Apsley. Their car slipped off the corduroy road into a swamp. After considerable time and effort a nearby farmer brought his team of horses and pulled the newlyweds back onto the road.

So when did they arrive in Wilberforce? Roger got here last week, on Thursday July 9, 2009 to be exact. How do I know, you may be wondering? While having

lunch at the Cross Roads Cafe I noticed a rather dapper elderly gentleman being escorted in by a younger friend. Their table being close to mine, inevitably a conversation developed. Roger, now in his 100th year was bubbling over with joy that he had finally arrived in Wilberforce 76, or was it 77 years, after he started out.

Luckily I was volunteering at the Outpost Museum when Roger and his friend Ron Howson dropped in after lunch and more of the story was revealed. Ron, who lives in Pickering, had treated his old friend to some time at his family's summer place in Bancroft. Much to Roger's delight a jaunt to Wilberforce for lunch had been organized. And much to my delight Roger insisted on acquiring a book about Wilberforce. May he enjoy his copy of *Mustard Plasters And Hand Cars*. It will surely fill him in on what he missed by not getting all the way to Wilberforce more than seven decades ago. And it will likely bring back to him more memories of that wild and wonderful honeymoon adventure.

Heritage Day will be celebrated in Highland Grove on Saturday July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Joanne Burroughs, one of the organizers, called to let us know that at this annual event their collection of family histories will be available for browsing and historical photos

will be displayed in the recreation centre. Visitors can enjoy food from the barbecue while looking for bargains at the yard and book sale. They would be pleased to accept donations for the sale. Or you can rent tables for your own sale on the grounds. Call Michele at (705) 448-9894 to make arrangements. To add to the fun there will be local musicians to entertain throughout the day. The proceeds from Heritage Day will go to the ongoing rehabilitation and preservation of their one-room log school house. This building was originally located at Kidds' Corners, a once thriving settlement in the southern end of Cardiff Township. (Maybe that's about where Roger Chitenden's honeymoon trip got off track so long ago. He was probably on the old Cheddar Trail.) Best wishes for a successful Heritage Day and happy hunting for more good history stories.

Special music was very uplifting for the people at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on July 12. Teenager Leah Gillespe sang two selections accompanied by her mother Anmarie Forsyth on guitar. Leah and Anmarie, who were visiting with Aunt Sandra Bramham, reside in Richmond Hill. Leah was about to spend some time at the Graphite Bible Camp. How generous of them to share their musical talents. Do come back soon.

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to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

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JULY 14: PEDAL YOUR ARTS, TOUR du VILLAGE - Presented by Yours Outdoors. Visit the studios of Haliburton County artists while enjoying the beauty of the Highlands from your bike. 10 km cycling tour along the scenic back roads of the Haliburton Village. We'll stop to visit artist studios, watch demonstrations and explore natural and cultural features. Original works of art will be on display. A tasty lunch is provided. 1 week advanced registration please. For more information call 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

JULY 15: ART TALK - ENVIRONMENT AS INCUBATOR A ROUND TABLE - Presented by Haliburton School of the Arts - Fleming College. An artist's creation is informed, shaped and cultivated by the environment in which it is created. Artists relate to their context in concrete or conceptual ways through a variety of media. Joanna Nash will lead a panel discussion that will explore the relationship between an artist's work and the environment that has served as an incubator for their work. 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. At the Fleming College - Haliburton Campus Great Hall. Admission is free. For more information contact 705-457-1680 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolofTheArts.ca

JULY 15- the Taoist Tai Chi Society(TM) - A four-week introductory course in Taoist Tai Chi (TM) begins on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm at the United Church, Pine St. Haliburton. Taoist Tai Chi (TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. Come learn what tai chi could do for you. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148

JULY 15: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, this is a Family event. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

JULY 15: STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY DAYS - MYSTERIOUS VANISHING PONDS OF HALIBURTON Presented by Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn. Peer into the hidden world of vanishing ponds known as vernal pools. These small, isolated wetlands are hidden in space and time - tucked into the forest floor, under a canopy of trees, they appear each spring as they fill with melted snow and rain, but disappear again in the summer months. They are like no other permanent wet or dry ecosystems you have ever seen before. Presented by Kirsten Otis MSc student at the Frost Centre Institute. Cost: Adults \$15.00, children \$8.00, family \$30.00 Space is limited. For more information contact 705-286-5201 or email shirley.davidson@ontario.ca

JULY 16: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS - Held at the Kawartha Dairy Minden. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 6:30 p.m.-dusk.

JULY 17-19: FAMILY ADVENTURE CAMP - Presented by Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. Spend the weekend with your family exploring our adventure based programs. The weekend will include our high ropes course, rock climbing, mountain biking, canoeing, hiking, wilderness navigation with GPS, team building & leadership skills, family style. You will be staying at our Solar Powered facility located on the shores of Stocking Lake. Evening programs will include campfires, astronomy programs & wolf howls. Overnight weekend (Friday 3:00 p.m.-Sunday 4:00 p.m.) For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca

JULY 18: ANNUAL STANHOPE HERITAGE DAY - A wonderful little festival featuring a wide range of activities and displays. Come and see demonstrations like blacksmithing, pottery, rush weaving, chair caning, loom, basketry, tatting, bobbin lace making, bookbinding, carving, tin-smithing, spinning, weaving and rug hooking. Enjoy the bake sale, BBQ lunch, and the museum's famous Citron Marmalade. Enjoy music all day and don't miss the Muskoka Wildlife Centre LIVE! At 11:00 a.m. Art

in the Street, the Mystery Antique Thing" guessing table and Joe Smith's incredible antique cameras and photo studio. See Haliburton Gold - the county's 10000 year old fish species and check out the Heritage Gardens \$2.00 admission 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information contact Betty Moffatt at 705-489-3021 or email info@stanhopemuseum.on.ca

JULY 18: HALIBURTON TO GOODERHAM ATV RIDE - Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Gooderham & Wolf Lake trail loops. Intermediate/expert ride. Meet at Haliburton High School parking lot 10:00 a.m. Lunch stop in Gooderham. Rides (Unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. Email steven.skidmore@sympatico.ca

JULY 18: MINDEN FRINGE at WINTERGREEN - Playwrights workshop Minden invites you to 2009 Minden Fringe. The \$35 package includes dinner and two performances at the fabulous Wintergreen Pancake House in Minden. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., performances at 8:00 p.m. Admission by reservation only for the dinner and theatre package. For more information call 705-286-3202

JULY 20 - JULY 24: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further, Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Gooderham! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

JULY 20 - JULY 24: NATURALLY KIDS DISCOVERY DAY CAMP (Ages 7-12) WEEK 2 - Presented by the Kinark Outdoor Centre and Out to Learn, this day camp offers children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and to safely participate in outdoor activities under the watchful eye of mature, outdoor educators. Every day is filled with nature explorations, hikes, environmental activities, co-operative games, crafts and swimming. Daily from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost is \$175.00 per week. For more information contact The Kinark Outdoor Centre 800-805-8252 or 705-286-6184, Out to Learn 705-286-3181 or email info@koc.on.ca or lheaven@glenside-eco.ca

JULY 20 - AUGUST 14: SWIMMING LESSONS - Presented by The Kennis Lake Cottage Owner's Association. The program features enthusiastic instructors and small classes, and are a great way for kids to improve their strokes, get comfortable swimming in the lake, learn about water safety, and meet new friends. Lessons are Monday to Friday, and students must complete any two weeks to be eligible for a badge. The cost of lessons is \$30/week for KLCOA members and \$45/week for non-members. For more information or for registration, please contact Stephanie Clark 705-754-4542 or email seklark@gmail.com

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

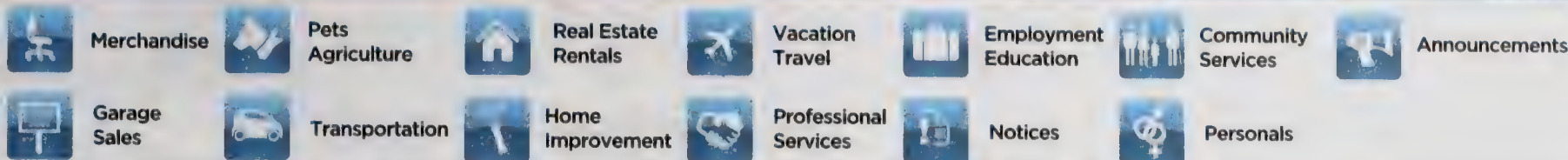
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GLIDDON, Gladys Pauline - August 13, 1917-July 8, 2009 - Passed away peacefully at her home in Haliburton. In her 92nd year. Predeceased by her husband Oswald, brothers Harvey, Harold, Gordon, Arnold, John, Wallace, Clifford and her sisters Greta, Evelyn and Helen. Survived by her son Bill, sister Maisie and by her many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to celebrate her life at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton on Monday, July 13th, 2009 at 11:00 am. There will be no visitation, but all are invited to the Reception at the church, following the interment at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to St. George's Church - "Raise the Roof" project would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.

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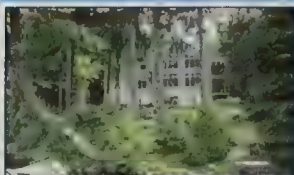
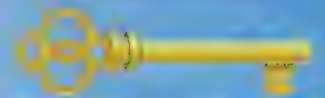
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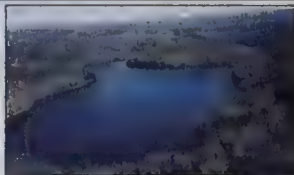
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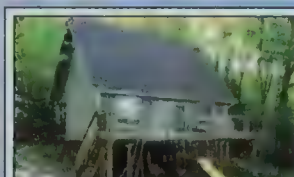
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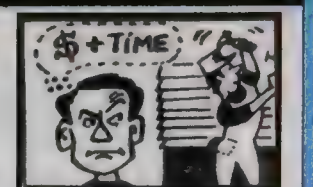
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Highlands Cinema turns 30

Feature and photos by Jenn Watt

Keith Stata has a hundred things on his mind – clean the theatres, make up the list of movies for the week, fix a broken projector – there is hardly time for an interview with a local reporter in the middle of the afternoon on a Wednesday.

"You have 20 minutes," he says, exhales a tired sigh and checks his watch.

"The secret to this business: I don't have a life," Stata laughs, perhaps anticipating the first question.

He settles deep into a padded armchair in the nerve centre of his five-theatre cinema – a small green room with 19 TVs monitoring everything in the vast maze-like building – and asks, "So, what do you want to know?"

He then rattles off his family history at warp-speed going back to the 1870s when his ancestors first settled in the area.

"Anything else?" he giggles.

It's been 30 years since Stata started up Highlands Cinema in Kinmount – the movie theatre that has

become more renowned for its museum than the films it plays – and success is due to Stata's thousands of hours of work coupled with some smart business decisions.

Although Highlands Cinema is now well-known, perhaps even famous, its beginnings were humble – and humbling – for the local boy who dreamed of being a famous movie director.

"There was resistance at the beginning," he says of opening the cinema.

Given how popular the Beaver and Molou theatres were at the time, Stata assumed he'd have a bustling business, and was surprised to receive one visitor on opening night.

That was in 1979, long before Memory Lane, the projector museum, five theatre rooms and mannequin hall were installed, when there were just 58 seats in one room of an old two-storey house.

"That's back when we were fighting the TV-in-the-living-room image," Stata says.

Stata and his business partner, Roland Hamilton, soon learned that to attract tourists to their forested locale, they needed more than just movies; they needed an experience.

For years after opening, Stata would search out old items from the nation's past – mostly pop culture and technology – to complete Memory Lane. Every decade of the 20th century has a display case packed with toys, magazines, photographs, news clippings and gadgets of the time. Some of Stata's own childhood items are stashed amongst the treasures he's found over the years.

Besides what's in plain view, which is substantial on



Memory Lane, a museum full of pop culture and technology from the last century, has become one of the main drawing points of Highlands Cinema.

its own, he has a dozen 40-foot containers packed full of stuff.

To fund the endeavours, Stata and Hamilton would buy old cinemas going out of business, keep all of the antique projectors, seats, machines and displays and then resell the building to make a profit.

The projectors he's acquired line the hallways of the cinema.

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Kinmount theatre filled with memorabilia

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As time passed the cinema's notoriety grew and so did the building with additions being constructed nearly every year through the late '80s and early '90s.

"We got a huge amount of press and people" when the museum portion of Highlands Cinema was created, Stata says. There have been 120 articles done over the years (that Stata knows of) from most of the big Toronto dailies and smaller papers around the country.

That publicity, partnered with the best kind of advertisement – word-of-mouth, created a strong, viable business that does more business in half a day than the whole first year of operation.

His all-time best day: 1,550 guests for *Pirates of the Caribbean*. It also happened to be just one of few times he's had a technical glitch during a film. The other most notable time was on the first night of *Harry Potter*.

Despite that, Stata's still a champion of old technology – remaining faithful to his 55-year-old projector over the new digital models.

"When they go digital Highlands Cinema will close," he says, serious for the first time in the interview.

It costs \$80,000 U.S. for one digital machine, far too much for even a bustling business like his.

"With new technology at the first hiccup it's down," he says, praising his old projector that "runs like a top."

Even the old popcorn makers were better than the new models.

"Now computers run the popcorn machines. Every 10 years you have to throw them out," he says.



The owner of Highlands Cinema, Keith Stata, not only collects old memorabilia, but old projectors as well. If the film world ever went entirely digital, Stata says, it would be the end of his 30-year-old business.

Stata's life is invested in his business and even though the doors close to the public every Thanksgiving weekend, he is still buzzing around frantically getting ready for the next season. During that time he catches up on the bookwork and fixes everything that was broken over the summer. This year that was quite a lot.

"The sump pump was the first thing to quit, then the

ice machines, popcorn maker and cash registers. I'll be next," he declares.

"I wish I could get in a time machine back to last September and take another run at it," he says.

At 61 years old Stata could justify retiring in a few years, but that's not his style.

"I'll probably die with my boots on," he says.

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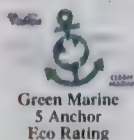
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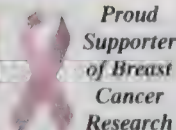


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Another half-baked idea

Awkward Moments • Column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

"But I like Perkins best," Jenn Watt yelled as she slapped my face.

"No, I like her better," I countered, stomping on her instep.

"Not true," she said, poking me in the eyes, "no one likes her half as much as me!"

"Wrong," I continued, putting a finger up each of her nostrils. "I have nothing but undying admir..."

"Jenn, give Galea a sharp kick to the shins and we'll move on to the next item on the agenda!" Perkins interrupted. "Good work team!"

As staff meetings go, this one was turning out to be relatively painless. But all that was about to change.

"I baked some cookies," Perkins announced with a sinister look.

Suddenly, a black cloud blotted out the sun, birds flew off in panic, the streets outside of the office emptied, and, as far away as Wilberforce, mothers hid their children. Inside the *Cottage Times* HQ, doors were slammed and dead bolted.

"Oh, I just ate lunch," I muttered nervously. It was 9 a.m.

Watt, unsure of what to say, once again, feigned narcolepsy.

I couldn't blame her. To call Perkins's cookies edible bordered on mortal sin. Even dump bears steered clear of them.

"Someone needs to try these cookies," Perkins insisted. "I'm having company next week and I need to be able to assure them that it's safe this time."

Outside turkey vultures began to gather.

I pointed to Jenn. "She loves them," I whispered. "I'll wake her."

But as the Dark Overlord turned her back to reach for her lead-lined cookie jar, Watt bolted out the window.

"Here," Perkins said, "just eat one."

Knowing I had no choice, I said a quick prayer, closed my eyes and took a quick bite. And, you know, they were good.

"This is delicious chief," I said. "Really spectacular."

"That's because I didn't bake them," she snapped. "Barb Braker and Elinor Hamilton at the Stanhope Heritage Museum did. Bring me their recipe."

"Why don't you just ask?"

"I did, but they've seen me bake. You seriously injure one herd of horses and suddenly people are afraid of your culinary skills..."

"So, that's why the RCMP musical ride always steers clear of Haliburton County," I exclaimed.

"They have no proof!" she said, laughing maniacally. "Now bring me the recipe. Bring it to me or I'll make you eat the batch of cookies I made last night... Every last one." And then she uncovered the plate.

"Are those chocolate chips or raisin?" I gulped.

"Neither," she smiled.

Minutes later, I phoned Watt and told



Disguised as a gingerbread man, Steve Galea tries to look inconspicuous as reporter Jenn Watt interviews Barbara Braker about her recipe for the homemade gingerbread cookies that will be decorated at this Saturday's Stanhope Heritage Day. Below, Elinor Hamilton and Barbara Braker chase Galea out of their patch.



her my dilemma.

"So you're saying that if I don't get the recipe, she's going to make me eat all those cookies?" Watt said.

"Every last one," I replied. "Lucky for you, I've decided to help out."

We quickly discussed our options and settled on a plan. Watt would go into the museum as a reporter and learn a bit more about Stanhope Heritage Days. But that would merely be a diversion while I slipped in undercover, faded into the background as unobtrusive and inconspicuous as possible, and melded in to the local culture like a phantom. Our whole plan hinged on my ability to blend in.

I stepped out of our shared basement broom closet office dressed, quite convincingly I thought, as a dead ringer for a typical Stanhopian.

"Are you sure that's the right disguise?" Watt asked doubtfully.

"Sure," I answered. "I've done some research and Elinor Hamilton bakes excellent cookies, and today she's working with Barb Braker, the wife of Walter Braker, the baker who's now in the process of making hundreds of gingerbread men for the kids to decorate at Stanhope Heritage Days. These folks have been immersed in gingerbread men all week. I

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No wonder Steve Galea doesn't have a leg to stand on when he goes back to the office to tell Parsimonious Perkins that he wasn't able to get the Stanhope museum's gingerbread man recipe - Barbara Braker ate it! Helping Jenn Watt celebrate being the one who nabbed the recipe, are Barbara Braker and Elinor Hamilton.



Bite me! Gingerbread man goes under cover

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won't stand out at all - no matter how devilishly handsome - trust me. We'll coax a recipe from them."

"Really? I mean this is my life we're gambling with," she yelped.

"You know I'd trade places with you if I could," I said, patting her on the back.

As so it was that I found myself deep undercover at the Stanhope museum on Northshore Road. Of course, it takes a special kind of person to work undercover. You need to have nerves of steel. You've got to be able to think on your feet and improvise. And you should have a really neat car.

I suspect all this is why I failed miserably. Or perhaps, it could have been the gingerbread man costume.

"How are you now?" I said nonchalantly as I lumbered over towards Barb and Elinor.

"Who's the weirdo in the gingerbread man costume?" Barb muttered as they opened up a Tupperware container full of perfectly formed cookies.

"You ladies certainly have very nice cookies," I said, winking. And then I added, "How are you now?" for good effect.

The next few minutes are somewhat of a blur. I remember the white aprons, a flurry of rolling pins, and Jenn Watt cheering them on.

When I woke, I was covered in flour and one gingerbread limb was torn off at the knee. I'd tell you more but my therapist says it's better to suppress some things.

"What happened?" I asked Watt. "Where am I?"

"You're back at the office and I've got the recipe." She winked. "But just so you know, I knew that Perkins was going to make you eat the cookies all along."

I just looked at her and shrugged. What can I say? I didn't have a leg to stand on.

Want real gingerbread? The 7th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day, held on July 18, is the place to get it. The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum grounds on 1123 North Shore Road in Stanhope promises good food, great displays and lots of crafts and skills for the

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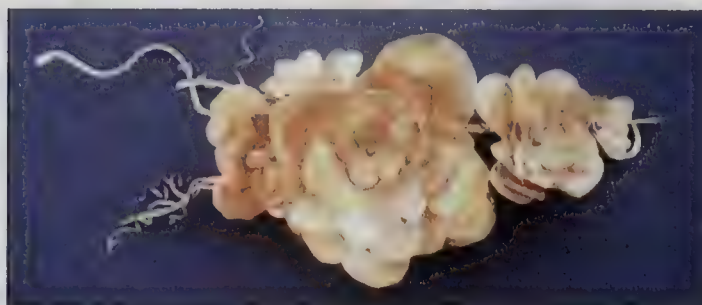
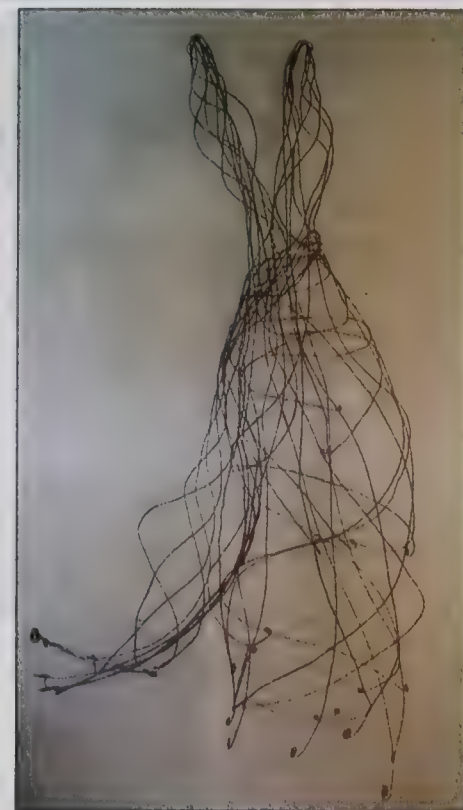
matic impact. Her pieces are hand-fabricated functional art with a raw, yet inherently elegant aesthetic. She delights in marrying the cold immovable nature of metal with the soft delicate perception of iconic feminine attire. Uniting new materials and found objects she loves incorporating relics of the forgotten, this

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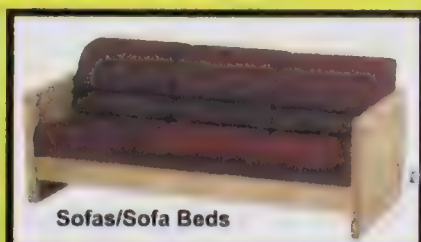


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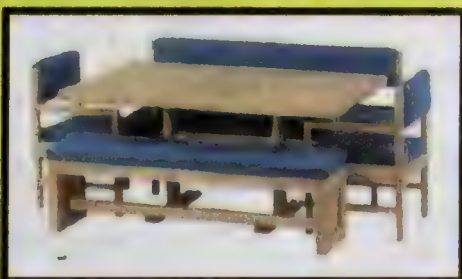
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Singer jazzes up arts school

Every Thursday after walk-about, the Haliburton School of the Arts is hosting a concert in the Great Hall of the Fleming College campus. The music starts at 6 p.m. On July 16 the performer is Shannon Butcher.

Butcher is quickly becoming a favourite on the Canadian jazz scene for her dynamic voice and fresh spirit. "Jazz isn't about one label or style; it's not about one person or time," says Butcher. "It's about the freedom to bring together all of your experiences; sing in the moment and connect with your audience."

Butcher's debut CD, *Words We Both Could Say*, is a fusion of styles and an open door invitation to transcend

expectations. Through her unique jazz transformations of "standards" from artists including the Beatles, Patsy Cline and No Doubt, the Toronto artist has connected with jazz aficionados and new listeners alike. *Words We Both Could Say* has reached the #2 spot on the Canadian Campus Jazz chart and broke through the Top Ten of iTunes Top Jazz Albums. Butcher has become a hit on jazz stations in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. www.shannonbutcher.com

Upcoming performances: July 23 Eve Goldberg; July 30 improv artist Lisa Merchant; August 5 Cass Marie and the BlackfeatherBand; August 12, clown Helen Donnelly. The art auction is August 6.

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Butterflies Are Free takes flight

Feature and photo by Martha Perkins

It's 1969. Don Baker has left the financially comfortable but socially confining upper-class suburb of Scarsdale to move into a bohemian neighbourhood in New York City. His 19-year-old neighbour, Jill Tanner, is also a newcomer to New York but she has a lot less baggage. With a light heart that masks some dark truths, she loves to quote a couple of lines from Charles Dickens's *Bleak House*: "I only ask to be free. Butterflies are free. Mankind will surely not deny to Harold Skimpole what it concedes to the butterfly."

Enter Don's mother, Mrs. Baker, with a butterfly net.

Butterflies Are Free, which opened its two-week run at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Monday, is the second production in the 2009 Highlands Summer Festival. A comedy with serious undertones, it revolves around three main characters: Don, his mother, and Jill.

"It's fun," says Lesley English, who was far from typecast as Mrs. Baker and yet recognizes some of her character's controlling characteristics in her own behaviour. "It's not a farce but it's funny, with lots of sight gags. It's touching as well. It explores universal themes that people can relate to."

When she got the role of Mrs. Baker, English asked her 27-year-old son, "Do you think I'm a controlling mother?"

She laughs at his response. "He very politely said 'no comment' but added there were many real-life situations I could draw from. He intimated that there had been moments...."

Jocelyn Regina, who's back home in Haliburton after her first year of musical theatre studies at Sheridan College, knows what it's like to be a young woman who moves to a strange city to follow a dream. But while she likes her character Jill Tanner, she and Jill are not very alike. "Jill just moves to New York. She doesn't have a job or know anyone. I think I'm a little more analytical and would try to have a few more things lined up. I think about things a lot before I act on them."

Butterflies Are Free is also about meta-



As a controlling society matron who's horrified by her son's friendship with a free-spirited actress, Lesley English, left, had to look under the surface of her own personality for *Butterflies Are Free*. Nineteen-year-old Jocelyn Regina can identify with her character even though she's much more analytical than the young woman she portrays.

morphosis, English says. "Each character has an interesting arch of where they started and how they got to [how the play ends]. It's about learning to let go. With all three characters, by the end of the play they have moved on to another stage of their lives."

Don is played by Will Lamond, a third-year Sheridan College student who was in the top 40 of CBC's *Triple Sensation*. The only character is a director of a play that Jill has auditioned for. English describes him as a "major slimeball" but has much nicer things to say about Logan Brown, a York University student who is also in the Highlands Summer Festival production of *Play On*, which opens July 27.

It's been a fun play to work on. Jocelyn, who's a veteran of the pavilion stage, has been listening to a lot of '60s music – Donovan, Joni Mitchell, the Rolling Stones and Simon and Garfunkel, music that will be played during the set changes.

Knowing that there will be people in the audience who lived through the Sixties has added a few complications for the set crew. When Mrs. Baker arrives with her bag from Saks Fifth Avenue, it can't be a bag that someone in the crew picked up last week in New York. It's got to look like a 1969 Saks Fifth Avenue bag.

"We've been jumping through hoops making things happen," English says.

Butterflies Are Free takes to the stage at the Northern Lights Pavilion (inside the high school on Head Lake in Haliburton) on July 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. On July 20, musician David Archibald provides the evening's entertainment with songs that explore Canada's past and on July 21, it's *Limerick*, an evening of music, from classical to contemporary, with Melissa Stephens and Jocelyn's parents Lauren McInnes and Tom Regina. For tickets call 457-9933 or email tickets@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Here is what is planned for the 2009 Highlands Summer Festival/Highlands Opera Studio season. Check out the website for more information: www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

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David Archibald in Concert

Folk singer, song-writer and historian, composer of musicals, such as the 2005 HSF production of *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter*, David Archibald returns to the Highlands Summer Festival stage for a one-man show sure to delight. With songs full of humour and heart, many based on incidents from Canada's past, David's performance will weave a magical evening of musical entertainment. Two concerts: July 20, August 3.

Play on!

A hilarious story of a theatre group trying desperately to produce a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script. The ensemble stumbles from Act I, a rehearsal of the challenging show, to Act II, the near disastrous dress rehearsal, and then the final act, the actual opening night performance at which anything that can go wrong does. *Play On!* opens for eight performances on July 27.

Opera Excerpts Concerts

Participants in the Highlands Opera Studio present two evenings of their

favourite highlights from best-loved operas of the world. The two presentations are August 21 and 22.

Die Fledermaus

A wild costume party, confused identities, and an opportunity to extract some revenge for an earlier embarrassment: it's a rich recipe for a great comedic operetta – the Highlands Opera Studio presents *Die Fledermaus*. Canadian Tenor Richard Margison and opera director Valerie Kuinka lead an outstanding faculty as it instructs young professional opera singers in three weeks of intensive training. Performances: August 30, a Sunday afternoon matinee, September 1 and 3.

New Algonquin Park map shows park like never before

Algonquin Park travellers have a new map source that will make park travel a whole lot easier. The new Algonquin Park Outdoor Recreation Map graphically displays the endless canoe routes, interior campsites and trail systems around the park in detail and clarity not found on any other map.

Up until a few years ago, park trippers relied on the ever popular Friends of Algonquin Park Canoe Routes map. Although very helpful, it lacked topography and was printed on paper that disintegrated on any long trips. Further it only focused on canoe routes and left out the many other special attractions of the park. Thus spawned the idea for a topographical map of the park on high quality water resistant and tear proof paper.

"The Friends Canoe Routes map is certainly a great resource, but I know from personal experience that it gets worn out quickly and lacks topographical information. So we combined topographical information on a park map that showed more than just canoe routes and made it out of a material that could really be used and abused," notes Jason Marleau, an author from the

popular Backroad Mapbook series. "Our goal was to provide a quality, long lasting product that not only shows the topography of the park, but also trails, fish species and other points of interest. It has been an instant hit," said Marleau.

The original idea for the map came a few years ago while travelling in the park. "I kept having to go back and forth from topo maps to the Canoe Routes map and then to another source. I thought there's got to be an easier way," added Marleau.

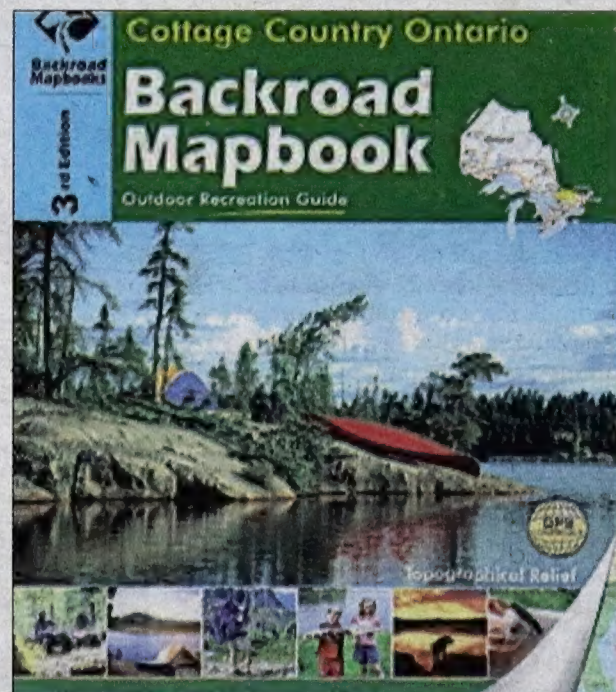
In addition to diligently updating the campsites and canoe routes, the new map has a cleaner, easier to read look and also includes fish species information. "Owning a local outfitter and spending countless hours in the park has really driven us to make this map the best it can be. It's almost a labour of love," joked Marleau.

Marleau regularly enjoys the great outdoors and is currently helping research a third edition Backroad Mapbook for Eastern Ontario. Visit www.backroad-mapbooks.com for more information.

Backroad maps updated

People familiar with the old Backroad Mapbook series will notice some dramatic changes in the new Cottage Country Ontario mapbook. Not only has the book been expanded to incorporate Algonquin Park and the Near North areas, it also has new look maps and writing. Everything is more colourful and easier to read. The information is more accurate than ever and the maps now include topographical features and better road classifications.

For all its glory, Algonquin is only one piece of this phenomenal area. Visitors can take an orienteering trip deep into the Massasauga Provincial Park or fish for the unique strain of Haliburton lake trout. And canoeists looking for places a little less crowded, can try places like the Frost Centre Institute. There are trails that will keep hikers, bikers, skiers and ATVers occupied for a few hours or even a few weeks.



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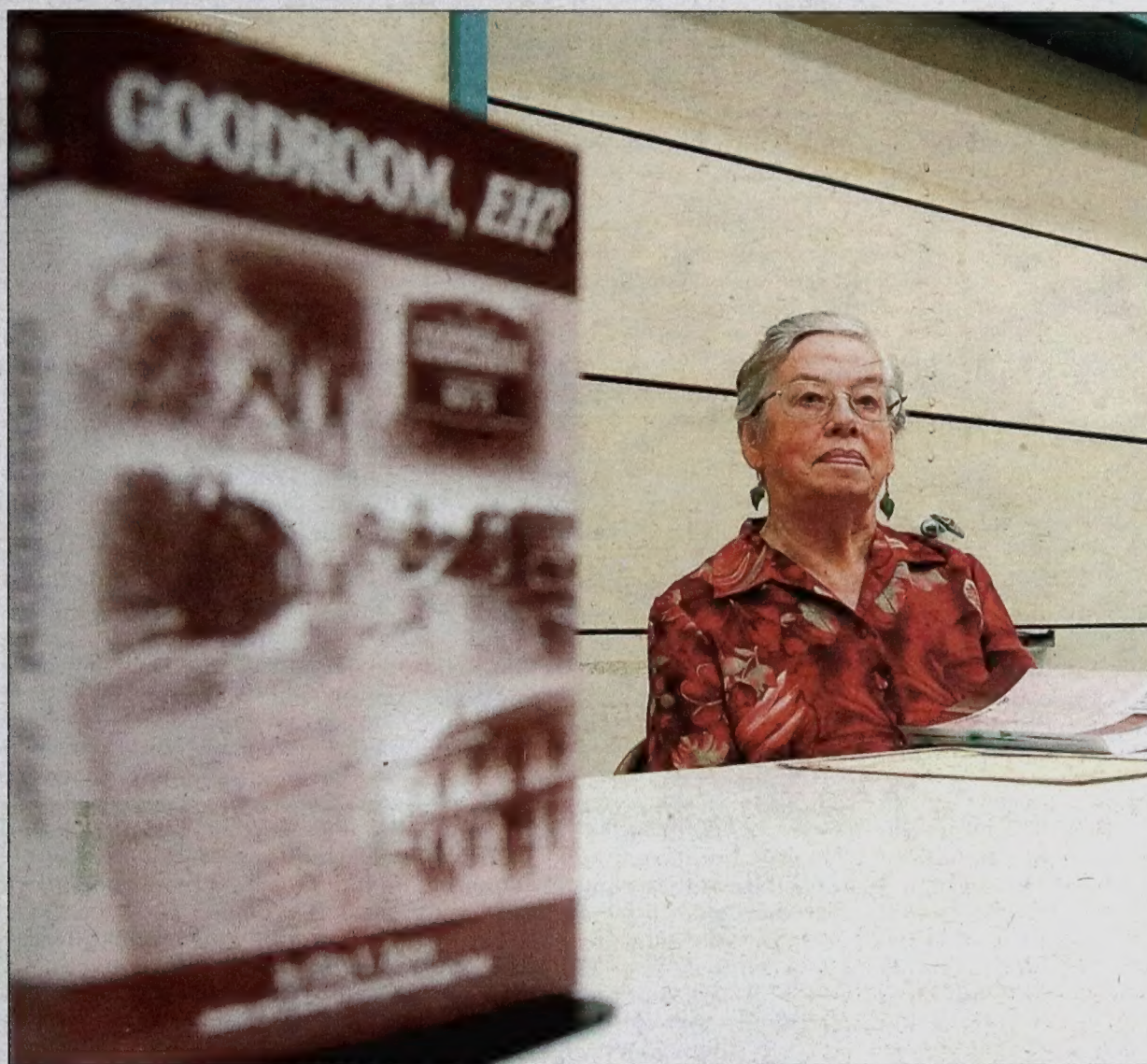


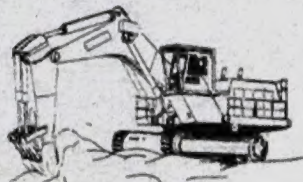
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When Elva Bates was researching her book about the township of Glamorgan's past, she heard many stories that said a lot about the area's history – too much in fact. The Gooderham author has taken those stories and fictionalized them in a new book called *Goodroom, Eh?* It chronicles the life of a young woman from England who immigrates to Canada and settles in the Gooderham area. The plot includes many of those off-the-record conversations but she's changed the characters to protect their family members still living today.

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Important things

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

A busy morning at my desk was more than I could stand. With looming deadlines, increasing pressures, and important things in the offing, I did the only sane thing I know. I gathered my fly rod, waders and fishing vest and drove, quick as I could, to a small creek a few minutes from our home. It's a place I visit often at times like these.

Stepping into the current, the tension was left in my wake. A few more cautious footfalls and I was immersed waist-deep in the gentle music of the flow. Water, cool and clear, tumbled over rocks and caressed aquatic vegetation that undulated like silk ribbons in a summer breeze. Ebony Jewelwings, those wondrous metallic-like damselflies, took flight and danced elegantly, tiny marionettes over the margins of the pool. Somewhere downstream and around the bend a wood duck peeped, perhaps calling to its brood.

Dark clouds lingered to the south and steady gusts kept the bugs at bay. Traffic was 200 yards behind me; its rumblings muted by the dense summer foliage. My office might as well have been on a different planet.

I noted the foam-line that bordered the edge of the fast water. The fish would be beneath it, watching that conveyor belt



Caught by an angler who had spent too much time in his office, this smallmouthed bass glistened in the afternoon sun before being released back into the water.

of food, holding near boulders or tight to the bottom, waiting in ambush, rooting for nymphs in the weeds, chasing minnows as they passed.

Important things were in the offing.

I tied on a Whisky fly – all bright orange, gold, and red – drew 40 feet of line from my old reel, and cast quartering downstream. The fly swung in the current, settled, and I began a slow methodical retrieve. It took three casts

before the pool showed me life. On the fourth, the line stopped cold.

A short, quick tug with my line hand, and I felt the thumping weight of the first smallmouth of the day. So I raised the rod and drew it in.

Five more followed in short order – the

largest being a chunky 13-inch fish that leapt wildly, fought well in the current, glistened among the rocks when I took its photo, and slashed defiantly at the water upon release.

It was just what the doctor ordered. From that spot, knee deep in the creek, perspective was gained. Though walls of spruce and curtains of alders hemmed me in, it was easier to see the essentials.

I have always found order and purpose in places like this. Things in nature make brutal and perfect sense. And if you listen closely enough, a place like this can talk to you; whisper things in a universal language; send signals, teach you a little more, and show you ample proof that there is a kind and compassionate God.

When the wind picked up and the dark clouds rolled in, the fish stopped hitting and the Jewelwings took shelter, clinging stubbornly to the bouncing reeds. Even I, with my desk-dulled senses, could see it was time to leave.

The rain came a short while later, just as I was putting my fly rod back in its case. The creek and I were rejuvenated. Important things both.

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